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Pagan proposed target for 'highly-explosive aviation ordnance'—EIS

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Pagan may not be a proposed “bombing range” for the U.S. military, as their head officials say—just a proposed target for 1,000- to 2,000-lb “highly-explosive aviation ordnance,” according to environmental impact documents.

A comparison of impact documents for training on Farallon De Medinilla or FDM—a routine bombing area—to

» **BECQ's Rabauliman calls these 'bombs'**

that of Pagan reveal a proposed “heavier load” for an island that people fear may become another FDM.

Training on Pagan, though, would occur less frequently than FDM, at a

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Board of Parole schedules pardon hearing for Fitial

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The CNMI Board of Parole has arranged a pardon hearing for Benigno R.



Fitial

Fitial a day after Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a one-year prison sentence on the 69-year-old former governor. Board of Parole chair Ramon B. Camacho yesterday placed a newspaper announcement for the pardon hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Su-

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Researchers rediscover ancient Chamorro village in Guam

AGANA, Guam (AP)—A recent rediscovery of an ancient village has drawn American and international anthropology students to Guam's Ritidian area to search for more clues about what life might have been like in that place hundreds of years ago.

Remnants of at least 15 ancient homes are part of the ancient village, said Mike Carson, an associate professor of archaeology and anthropology at the University of Guam.

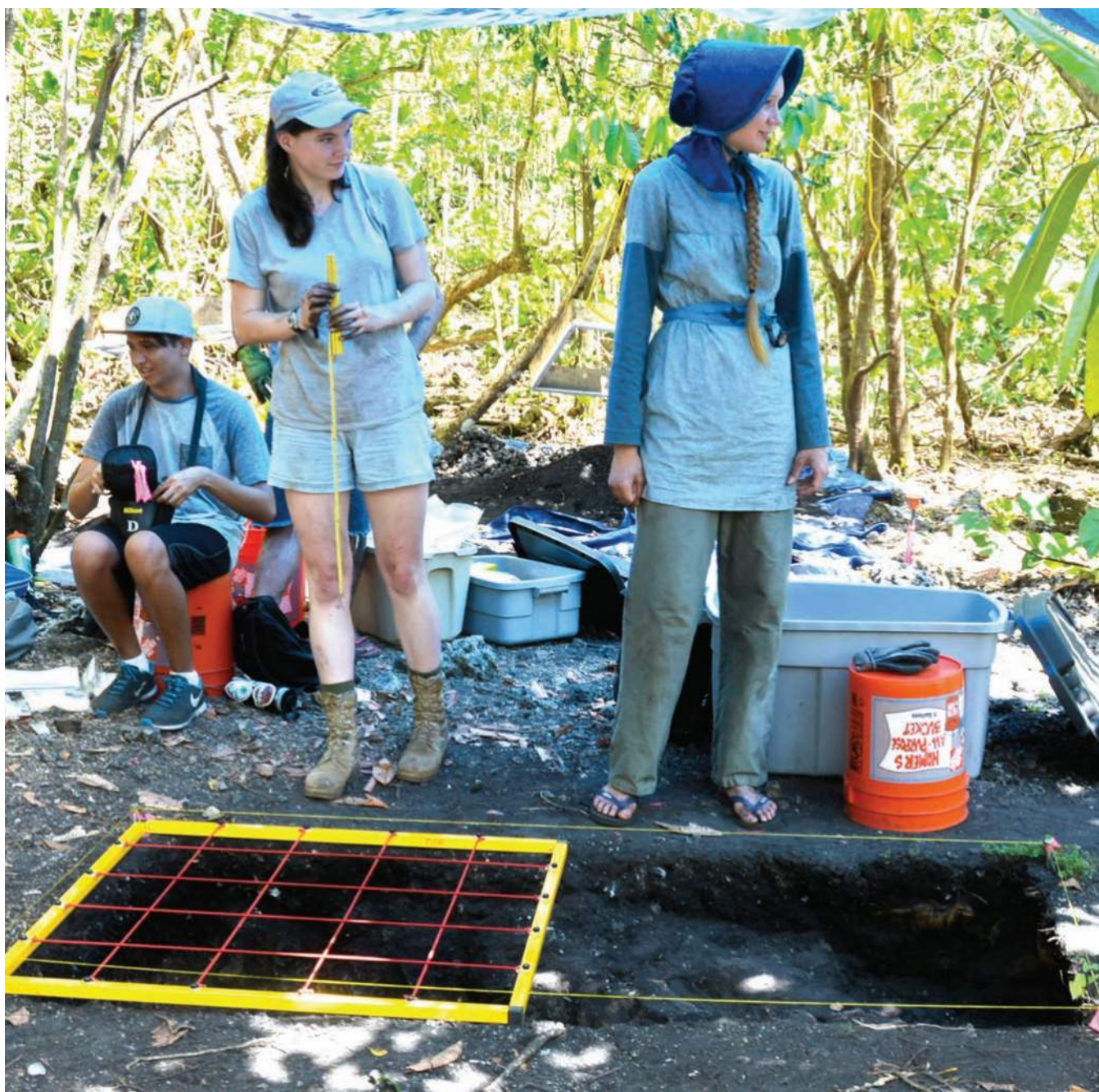
Carson said he and other members of a group came across the ancient village after visiting caves in the limestone forest at Ritidian last November.

“What makes it significant isn't the find itself, but it is in a place that could be opened to the public,” Carson said.

The remnants of this ancient village, which may have hosted a few generations of earlier Guam settlers in the mid-1600s or earlier, are also in relatively good condition, making it easy to see their original shapes, Carson said. The ancient homes are called latte.

Hunting and food preparation tools made of bones or coral, fishing hooks and pieces of beads and pottery have been found at the site.

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In this photo, taken on Friday, June 19, 2015, students in a program run by the University of Hawaii record and map artifacts at a recently discovered ancient Chamorro village site near Ritidian Point in Yigo, Guam.

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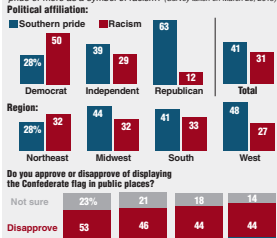
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As owner Robert Hunter simply puts it, “Who doesn't love toys?” However, setting up the newest toy store on island is not about—or at least not only about—his love of toys.

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Confederate flag poll

Do you see the Confederate flag more as a symbol of Southern pride or more as a symbol of racism? (Survey taken on March 26, 2015)



NATION

State senator and pastor Clementa Pinckney become the first African-American since Reconstruction to rest in honor in the South Carolina Rotunda.

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Bobbi Kristina Brown has been moved to hospice care after months in the hospital, and a lawsuit has been filed against her partner.

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Domestic violence and abuse highlighted in SHRM meeting

»'Workplace can be safe haven for survivors'

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The NMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management focused on the issue of domestic violence during its monthly general membership meeting at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan yesterday.

Speakers for the event were Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio and former CNMI chief prosecutor Attorney Shelli Neal.

The topic, "Domestic Violence and the Workplace," addresses employers' or human resource personnel's question of what to do for the victim and with the perpetrator.

According to Tenorio, domestic violence has a pattern and involves a coercive or abusive behavior. Some indicators and red flags that employers should notice in their employees are injuries, a level of fear



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Northern Marianas Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio speaks of how the workplace can help survivors of abuse at SHRM's meeting at Pacific Islands Club Saipan yesterday.

of their abusive partner, anxiety about every day activities, and deferring to one's partner for any and all decisions.

Even repeated phone calls and signs of extreme jealousy or possessiveness of one's partner should be noted as they may be signs of problems in the relationship.

Tenorio added that employers can help those who could be victims of abuse by developing a policy in the workplace as well as providing education and aware-

ness and training supervisors and managers on the subject.

"The workplace can be a safe place, a safe haven for survivors," Tenorio said.

"But the workplace has to have a culture of support and respect and there has to be a policy and people have to be educated about that policy," she added.

Also an important step is reaching out to break the silence.

"Employers can also ask

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Civic group turns to lawmakers to oppose lease

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The Matua Council for the Advancement of Chamorro is turning to lawmakers and other government officials as it continues to oppose a hotel and resort development on Garapan.

Liana M.S. Hofschneider, founder of the civic group, said she wrote a letter to seek lawmakers' "assistance and guidance to look into this serious matter regarding a parcel of Public Land, containing an area of 19,154 square meters, located in Garapan."

In her letter addressed to members of the House of Representatives and members of the Senate, Hofschneider said this particular place is called the Anaguan Village and Burial Site, which is also known as the Samoan housing federal project; and the Nakamoto project site.

"And, as you may be aware, it is the proposed site for the casino and hotel by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC/ Best Sunshine International" Hofschneider wrote.

Hofschneider cited that in the late 1990s and in 2004, archaeologists have identified 263 human remains of ancient chamorros.

She added that even archaeologists hired by Imperial Pacific reported that there were close to 200 more human remains that have been exhumed from Anaguan.

The site was touted as the largest and most significant archaeological discovery in the history of the CNMI since 2004, which was over a decade ago, she said.

"That said, I would like to find answers as to why the CNMI Historic Preservation Office and Board did not move forward to finalize the recommendation to include the Anaguan Village and Burial Site, which is one of the oldest and largest archaeological discovery in CNMI's history that is significant to the cultural and heritage of the Chamorro in the National Registry of Historic Places under the auspice of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; and additional protection in P.L. 3-39; and guaranteed in our Constitution under Article XIV, Section 3."

"Again, I plea for your inter-

vention, and as such, I believe an oversight hearing is warranted to ensure public accountability and transparency as to how the CNMI departments, agencies, and individuals uphold both local and federal laws in our

Commonwealth," she wrote. Hofschneider also said the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, DCCA Secretary Laura Ogumoro, Historic Preservation Office director and State Historic Preservation offi-

cer Mertie Torwal Kani, and the HPO Advisory Board members should answer why Anaguan is not in the National Registry even after being recommended numerous times by professional archaeologists.

"Similarly, the Department of Public Lands Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio should answer to the

legislative oversight as to why Anaguan Village and Burial Site, which is a significant site to the culture and heritage of the Chamorros, is in the list of available public land; and even after a formal protest from the beneficiaries to cease/rescind the leasing of Anaguan," Hofschneider said.

hire more than 2,000 employees for the hotel and casino resort.

Aside from employment, BSI has also pledged, and has actually started undertaking infrastructure projects including Hibiscus St., which will be widened and paved.

A more significant project is a 10,000-foot sewerage system that BSI also plans to complete, as part of its waste disposal system.

BSI also touted that it will connect to the power grid, thus becoming a high-paying subscriber of the local utilities firm. (Joel Pinaroc)

proposed development. Most of the comments were in favor of the project," Castro said. The opposing comments focused on a portion of the lot area that the proposed hotel will rise. The portion is said to house ancient burial grounds.

Most of the public comments agree that the BSI hotel and casino will have immense economic impact on the CNMI, particularly for employment.

Mark Brown, CEO of BSI, said the company expects to

Regulatory agencies to decide on BSI permit today

Regulatory agencies will meet today to decide to whether or not grant a permit for Best Sunshine International, Ltd. for a hotel and casino that the firm is building in Garapan.

The agencies include the Division of Coastal Resources Management and Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

Fran Castro, DCRM director, said the decision will be made by voting, after a public hearing yesterday for BSI's proposed development called the "Grand

Marianas Casino Resort."

The DCRM certified BSI's major siting application earlier this month.

Yesterday's public hearing for BSI's proposed 14-story casino resort in the heart of Garapan at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe drew a sizable crowd.

According to Castro, most of the oral testimonies were in favor of the BSI project, while a handful were opposed to it.

"We conducted this hearing to gather public comments on the

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Former allies, govt workers speak on Fitial case

A one-year prison sentence for former governor Benigno R. Fitial is sufficient, according to Floor Leader George Camacho (R-Saipan).

Camacho also said lawmakers have to respect the decision of the court.

“We respect the court’s decision, once court papers were filed, we let the system take its course,” Camacho said, adding that it all started at the Legislature when impeachment proceedings against Fi-

tial where initiated.

But before the impeachment can further proceed, Fitial resigned from his post. “When the case was filed in court, then it was out of our hands,” Camacho said.

Camacho, however, said he is “curious” on how the medical treatment for the former governor will proceed, considering that he needs to go off-island ever so often for the said treatments.

“Once he’s incarcerated,

then it is up to the Department of Corrections to provide the medical needs. Is he going to get the same amount of care, or the proper treatment?” Camacho said.

One year is sufficient, there was a plea agreement, because there was an admission of guilt

For Sen. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) the sentencing of the former governor means “there is a process, and it works” on the CNMI.

It can be recalled that Santos

was a member of the House of Representatives back when impeachment proceedings were being conducted against Fitial.

Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), Santos, Camacho, and then representative Richard Seman voted “no” on the articles of impeachment against Fitial.

Santos said the court case proves that no one is above the law, and that justice applies to private citizens and elected public officials.

A government worker, re-

testing of welds.

Rogow noted, referring to administrative code, that UT testing was not admissible in some aspects of inspection or construction. Tano Group had used UT, or this three-dimensional testing, to better determine the depth and area of weld defects, which they believed was associated with the annular ring of the tank. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

women gathered.

In 2008, Bayman also led a joint team from UOG and University of Hawaii that studied two ancient latte buildings, or latte, at Ritidian, not far from the cluster of 15 latte homes Carson’s group came across.

An ancient settlement at Ritidian is documented in earlier times, including in 1819, when French explorer Louis de Freycinet wrote about his Marianas sojourn, Bayman’s group wrote from the 2008 study.

Freycinet had described Ritidian as one of two places in Guam with “the finest building timber,” the study states, quoting an English translation of the French explorer’s notes.

“Mariana Islanders were colonized by the Spanish in the 17th Century, almost 150 years after Ferdinand Magellan initiated Europe’s first contact with Guam in 1521, and their native latte buildings atop capped-stone columns have captivated the imagination of Western scholars,” Bayman’s group wrote.

Quoting previous historical documents, Bayman’s group’s 2008 study states that at Ritidian, “there were also flashes of Chamorro resistance to the Spanish, when a priest was killed in 1681 or 1683.”

The Spaniards abandoned Ritidian about 1682, according to Bayman’s group’s previous study, quoting previous historical documents.

and the proverbial message must be sent that government officials who betray the public trust by violating the laws of the CNMI will in all likelihood go to jail,” Wiseman said.

Fitial signed a plea agreement with the government and pleaded guilty last May 13 to misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services. While Nutting said they are extremely disappointed with the prison sentence, the former governor refused to comment as he walked out from Wiseman’s courtroom after the hearing on Wednesday.

EPA vets welding inspectors

Project contractors and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials further discussed yesterday the welding defects slowing down the Tank 102 project, a court-ordered project of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The meeting was to update the issue of welding defects found in the Tank 102 project, which began late February this year. CUC

reported last month that Tano Group, who is the project’s contractor, was doing x-rays to detect defects on tank welds.

According to EPA on-site coordinator Michelle Rogow, as of yesterday morning, eight of the nine welding test results “look good.”

However, much of the status conference was spent discuss-

ing the methodology of these tests and the qualifications of the individuals doing them.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the conference yesterday, it appeared EPA, Tano Group, and NMI designated judge David O. Carter were set on having vetted the inspectors by Monday.

It was gathered that one of the issues was over Tano Group’s use of ultrasonic testing or UT, over radiographic testing, or RT,

and open up more business opportunities for island residents.

Jim Kurth, chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, testified before a House Natural Resources Committee hearing last year that the wildlife refuge at Ritidian hosts “the island’s best public beach, the oldest known and longest-lasting ancient Chamorro settlement site, and the only place on the island where visitors can experience Guam’s abundant natural resources and fragile ecosystem unimpaired by human activity.”

Kurth testified that the Fish and Wildlife Service and the military “are currently engaged in cordial and frequent discussions” on the Ritidian issue.

Beachfront living

The ancient site of at least 15 latte homes—limestone and coral pillars—is located close to the Ritidian shoreline.

There also were stones lined in front of the pillars that used to be patios, Carson said.

The team of visiting anthropology students, led by professor James Bayman of the University of Hawaii’s Department of Anthropology, is conducting limited excavation and other studies at the site.

Bayman said there are indications in some of the latte homes that men gathered in a home separate from a home where

base on Guam, near the refuge at Ritidian.

The military has revised its plan, by moving the preferred location for housing for the Marines to Andersen Air Force Base to reduce the area of jungle that will be cleared, Pacific Daily News files show.

The preferred site for the proposed training range is within the fence at Andersen, but part of the adjacent wildlife refuge is needed for a safety buffer zone for more than half of each year when the proposed live-fire training range complex will be in use.

Speaker Judith Won Pat, who visited the ancient village recently with Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz, Wildlife Service representatives and Carson, said she prefers all of the military activities, including the safety zone, be held within existing military bases.

“This should be a totally historic site,” Won Pat said of the ancient village and the Ritidian area. Certain local families also claim ownership to parts of the Ritidian land, she said.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo said last year that without a viable live-fire training range, the proposed military buildup on Guam might not occur.

Guam supporters of the plan to build an \$8.6 billion Marine base on Guam hope the military expansion will create more jobs

wishing to submit a written statement to the board for its consideration may do so by dropping it off in person at the Board of Parole Office on Capitol Hill prior to the June 30 hearing.

In a phone interview, Camacho said an individual requested the board to hold a pardon hearing so they have to act on it by setting a public hearing. For the meantime, he refused to identify the individual who made such a request.

Camacho said pursuant to the constitution, the governor has to consult with the board on the issue of granting pardon to Fitial.

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Buildup argument

The ancient village’s rediscovery also has added wind to the argument of certain local officials who oppose the military’s plan that could further restrict public access to that part of Ritidian.

The ancient village already sits within an area at Ritidian that the public can access only with a special permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the wildlife refuge.

Public access to the site is restricted for research, including studies on brown tree snake and wild pig eradication, and for wildlife habitat protection, said Laura Beauregard, manager for federally managed refuge locations in the Marianas.

“The idea of protecting habitat at the refuge is, one day, for the birds to be brought back,” she said.

Certain native Guam birds, such as the Micronesian kingfisher, are believed to be extinct in the wild, but are being raised in zoos across the world so that one day they can be rereleased into their habitat.

The federal Wildlife Service’s concern about losing forest habitat for the kingfishers’ future return to Ritidian has left it unable to sign on to the military’s plan to build a Marine

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supe on June 30 at 9am and, if necessary, the following day, July 1, at 9am.

In the announcement, Camacho said the board will be considering whether to support or object to a pardon for Fitial.

Camacho said after hearing public testimony and discussing the matter, the board will then vote on whether to support or object to Gov. Eloy S. Inos’ issuance of a pardon.

The chairman urged anyone

questing anonymity, meanwhile, said Fitial should not be put in jail considering his medical condition.

“He is already old and his medical condition should be considered,” the government worker said.

Another government worker said Fitial should have not been given the jail sentence

and most of the punishment should have been given to former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham.

“Buckingham is the more guilty party,” the government worker said, adding that the court should have been more lenient to Fitial and not impose a prison sentence. **(Joel D. Pinaroc)**

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questions. Survivors might just be waiting for someone...

When employers start to see the indicators and the red flags and reach out, that can serve as the bridge. [Survivors] are just waiting for someone to put down a bridge for them to walk over because they may not feel empowered enough to speak for themselves,” Tenorio said.

Anti-Violence Leave Act

Another item that was discussed is the Anti-Violence Leave Act of 2013 that says of the rights of a victim as well as the responsibilities of an employer when dealing with incidents such as domestic violence and

sexual abuse.

According to Neil, this law is very important with the many domestic violence cases that are happening in the CNMI.

She said that if employers are not aware of the law, they may lean toward firing a person as he or she may not be performing well because of what the abuse that he or she is experiencing—but that should not be the case.

“We’ve got to see the big picture of how much it takes to combat this issue and help people get to a safe place,” Neil said.

“We’re trying to move from people saying: you married the person, that’s your spouse, you need to deal with it, that’s a family issue. Were trying to move to a place where the whole community understands and supports,” she added.

EIS

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proposed 15 weeks per year.

Impact documents for Pagan live-fire training describe 175 highly explosive 2,000-lb “aviation ordnance” for Pagan per year.

The documents also list an amount of 175 for highly explosive 1,000-lb and 500-lb aviation-delivered ordnance on Pagan.

Impact documents also say that, for all “action” alternatives on Pagan, 500 highly-explosive 2.75-inch rockets will be used per year, and 150 high explosive 5-inch rockets will used, among hundreds and thousands of inert bomb and practice bullets, respectively, per year.

On FDM, the military describes “explosive bombs” to be less than 2,000 lbs. For “alternatives 1 and 2,” they list the use of 6,242 bombs and 6,821 bombs, respectively, per year.

These numbers are described in the final environmental impact statement for the Marianas Islands Training and Testing area, which also posits a “no-action” alternative option with 2,150 explosive bombs per year, or what is currently used.

The final impact documents go on to describe tens and hundreds of explosive missiles, grenades, and mortar and thousands of medium-caliber and large-caliber projectiles for an island that will see ordnance use jump 450-percent if either military action alternative goes through.

The MITT also describes under-sea and high-energy sonar training in the waters of the Marianas. Together with impact documents on live-fire training on Pagan and Tinian, the documents make clear the U.S. military’s intent for training in the Marianas.

Bombs on Pagan?

This week, Marine Forces Pacific executive director Craig Whelden said it was a “false characterization to liken the military’s use of Pagan to Farallon de Mendenilla, Vieques, or Ko’olawe”—or islands used by the military as bombing ranges.

But according to Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator Frank Rabaulman in an interview yesterday, “A bomb is a bomb is a bomb.”

“Unless, I am misinterpreting what aviation [delivered] ordnance means, I think that there are going to be bombs in Pagan,” Rabaulman said, referring to the munitions numbers listed in the military’s environmental impact statements, or EIS.

On the military’s environmental impact statements, or EIS, Rabaulman said, that an EIS should “quantify the impact” of all impacts to water, air, and noise quality, but said, “That was not made clear in the EIS” for live-fire training.

He called these “cumulative impacts” a “huge item to look at” from an environmental standpoint, and said the military should quantify the impacts of both the Marianas Islands Training and Testing area, another set of proposed undersea, sonar, and bombing training with the live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan combined, over a period of time.

“I don’t know if they are required to add this cumulative impact, with that cumulative impact—but it’d be something very useful and very beneficial to the decision-makers and particularly for the members of the community... So you know exactly what effect this federal activity is going to have, how it is going to effect the people but also the physical and cultural and socio-economic” aspects of the CNMI, he said.

LibDay kickoff ceremony postponed to June 30

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The kickoff ceremony for the 2014 Liberation Day festivities, which was supposed to take place tomorrow, June 27, has been postponed to Tuesday, June 30, according to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

"We want to make sure the grounds are ready and safe for our concessionaires to set up and conduct business. Equally important is to make sure the

»Apatang says he wants grounds 'ready and safe'

grounds are safe for patrons of the festivities," he said.

The postponement of the Liberation Day kickoff ceremony was announced during a briefing yesterday at the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center in San Jose.

Aside from Apatang, members of the 2015 Liberation



Apatang

Day Committee and Skywalker Communications Group attended the briefing. The meeting was also attended by majority of the concessionaires.

Apatang emphasized that his decision to postpone the opening will make the festivities cheerful and safe and thanked the public for their un-

derstanding.

"On behalf of my office and the Skywalker [Communications Group], I appreciate the public's understanding and patience for this postponement. In the interest of the safety of the concessionaires and the public, the new kickoff date for the celebration will be June 30," Apatang said.

Skywalker public relations manager Kiki Chen said carn-

ival booths have already been half filled and activities and competitions are already set.

The 2015 Liberation Day carnival grounds will be open starting June 30 from 6pm-10pm Mondays to Thursdays, 6pm-11pm on Fridays, 10am to 11pm on Saturdays, and 10am to 10pm on Sundays.

"I want to invite everyone in the community to join us on June 30, at 6pm to open the month and a half long celebration," she said.

The 2015 Liberation Day pa-

rade, meanwhile, is set for July 4 with participants expected to be on site by 7am, while the parade kicks off at Quartermaster Road around 9am. It will move toward the carnival grounds at the Garapan Fishing Base.

MVA prepares for Int'l Festival of Cultures

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The Marianas Visitors Authority is kicking its preparations for the 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures in high gear with the tourism body's newest signature event set to start on Aug. 22.

Similar to the Taste of the Marianas, the International Festival of Cultures will run the last two Saturdays of August and all the Saturdays of September, according to MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas.

MVA community projects assistant Ryan Calvo said that the reason for starting the event earlier than schedule is to promote the CNMI to the Japan market during the country's Obon Period, which usually is low peak season.

"It's running for six Saturdays now, which is different from last year to promote the islands in Japan. We are working with stakeholders in the Japan market that includes tourist from Japan booking in to stay here to have coupons so when they arrive they can visit our booth during the event," Calvo said.

The goal of the International

»Newest signature event to be held for 6 Saturdays

Festival of Cultures is to showcase the unique and diverse cultures of the CNMI for both visitors and the local community alike.

"It was a big success last year and we have already been in meetings for preparation and still looking for more cultural groups," Duenas said.

So far, there are a total of 11 groups that will be represented in the International Festival of Cultures—the CNMI; Marshall Islands; Korea; Japan; China; Hawaii; Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa as one group; Tahiti, Marquesas, and Cook Island as another group; the Philippines; Bangladesh; and Palau.

The local Palau community hasn't confirmed whether they will join this year's event.

"So we're still looking for more cultural groups and anyone interested can reach us at our office," Calvo said.

The 2015 edition of the International Festival of Cultures

will be held at the Paseo de Marianas and cultural groups have the option to showcase food, arts and crafts, demonstrations on making their cultural

items, and performances.

Duenas said the date for the parade of cultures, one of the highlights of the event, hasn't been set yet. (Jayson Camacho)

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Jury deliberations in Ada case enter 3rd day

A federal jury will resume today, Friday, their deliberations on whether Leyda I. Ada is guilty or not as to the conspiracy to commit money laundering, money laundering, and perjury.

The jurors resumed their deliberations yesterday, but did not reach a verdict. They began their deliberations on Wednesday afternoon.

At Wednesday's closing arguments, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe said the key issue in this case is Ada's knowledge in her husband Melvin's scheme to perpetrate healthcare fraud exceeding \$1.7 million.

Defense attorney Mark Hanson said in this case, since Ada

is the wife of Melvin, she got to be guilty.

Hanson said no person, even Ada, knew that Melvin was stealing close to \$2 million from Finance, through the Commonwealth Health Center.

The prosecution called a total of 31 witnesses in the trial that began last June 1.

The defense called three witnesses.

Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC.

The original indictment charged the Ada couple with

59 counts.

Melvin is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. He is awaiting his sentencing. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Contestants Mary Jane Anon, Elizabeth Basa, Stephanie Camacho, Ashley Tabilisma, and Zolenska Yaroitemal have until Tuesday, June 30, to sell raffle tickets to the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court competition.



2015 LIBERATION DAY FESTIVITIES

Countdown to Royal Court coronation starts

After several weeks of working hard and selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the 2015 Liberation Day Festivities, five beautiful contestants for the 2015 Liberation Royal Court are about to wrap up the competition for the crown.

Mary Jane Anon, Elizabeth Basa, Stephanie Camacho, Ashley Tabilisma, and Zolenska Yaroitemal have until this Tuesday to sell raffle tickets and are urging residents and guests if you have yet to buy a ticket, to please stop by Joeten Supermarket in Susupe tomorrow, June 26, from 10am to 2pm.

The 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court contestants also could be reached through www.facebook.com/cnmiroyalcourt.

The 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court Coronation Ball will be held on July 1 at Fiesta

Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall as part of the islands' celebration of the 70th Anniversary Liberation Day Festivities.

All the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court Contestants are selling raffle tickets to compete for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court and to help raise funds for the 70th Anniversary Liberation Festivities.

For \$1 a piece, you may have the chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize, \$5,000 baby grand prize, \$3,000 first place, and \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, and other cash prizes.

The contestants are selling the raffle tickets only up to June 30.

To buy tickets from each of the contestants, you may also reach them through www.facebook.com/cnmiroyalcourt, email liberationcnmi@gmail.com, or call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208. **(PR)**

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Alter City Group turns in application for casino license

Macau-based Alter City Group has filed its application for a casino license, according to Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission executive director Lucia Blanco-Maratita.

This comes a month and a half after Alter City Group made a partial payment of \$1.2 million for its major siting permit for its envisioned \$1-billion casino resort on Tinian.

However, details on initial dates and project kick-off have not been disclosed yet.

Maratita said Alter City Group has submitted the initial documents such as the

Business Entity Disclosure forms, the Personal History Disclosure forms for the qualifiers, and various required documents, as well as paid the \$100,000 initial investigations deposit and the \$200,000 non-refundable casino license application fee.

"Their application will be reviewed by our office and our investigations agents; there may be additional required documents after this initial. After they have submitted all required documents and their application is deemed complete by our office, they will undergo suitability

investigations and the 120 days will begin. This means that we have to complete the investigations within that time frame," she added.

If Alter City Group is found suitable, then TCGCC will also then begin review of their project and negotiations on an agreement will ensue and have to be entered into before any casino license is issued.

"This is the basic process for a casino license application. There may be other steps that come up as the suitability review proceeds," Maratita said.

Alter City Group proposes

a global theme park; a "sky-bridge" similar to the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and a hotel and casino resort complex with

6,000 rooms, villas, and serviced apartments.

In November last year, Alter City Group secured from the CNMI government a lease for 152 hectares in Puntan Diablo, Tinian.

The development is in three phases and includes the construction of hotel rooms, water parks, an 18-hole golf course, villas, casino facilities, and related tourism amenities. *(Jayson Camacho)*

Protesters block construction of giant Hawaii telescope

HONOLULU (AP)—Hundreds of protesters on a Hawaii mountain road erupted in cheers Wednesday after construction crews turned around and retreated from the site for what would be one of the world's largest telescopes.

The billion-dollar project has drawn intense opposition from Native Hawaiians who say the 18-story observatory on the Big

Island's Mauna Kea would desecrate land they consider sacred.

Work on the Thirty Meter Telescope has been stalled for months after a large group blocked access to the mountaintop in April, a demonstration that led to 31 arrests.

Protesters said they were ready to adopt similar tactics and go to jail if necessary to make their point Wednesday.

Several hundred gathered more than 9,000 feet (2,743 meters) up Mauna Kea, blocking crew members who intended to install fencing around the construction site near the summit. They blocked the road, then let workers pass, and different groups of demonstrators repeated the pattern several times at higher points on the mountain.

No decision yet on Medicaid extension to private clinics

Despite a June 30 deadline, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has yet to make a decision on whether to extend anew the use of Medicaid insurance to private clinics.

So far, CHCC has doctors to accommodate the needs of the community and CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna has yet to issue a certification requiring help from private clinics to the CNMI Medicaid Office.

"When I make the certification, I am certifying that the hospital does not have the physicians. That is the certification, but I am not certifying anything yet, because I have the doctors," Muna said.

"However, I am not saying that I won't need the help of the private clinics. Anything can change today, tomorrow, or the next week if I receive notice that

we don't have adequate providers. I don't make a predetermination. It all has to be supported by data, the numbers. So anything can change," she added.

There are three main clinics that accept Medicaid patients—Saipan Health Clinic, Pacific Medical Center, and Marianas Medical Center. Muna has to write to CNMI Medicaid that CHCC does not have the physicians.

Earlier, Muna wrote to CNMI Medicaid that "to ensure community health needs are met, CHCC will need the assistance of private practitioners for outpatient services provided to adults and children, therefore extending an agreement allowing private clinics to accept Medicaid patients both under and above 18 years old for outpatient services [is needed] until June 30."

The revised state plan, which has been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region 9, requires Medicaid patients to first seek treatment at CHCC and does not allow private clinics to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries unless CHCC is not able to accommodate the patients.

The whole purpose of the state plan is to help the Medicaid program meet its financial goals because they had a cash flow issue in 2012.

The CNMI Medicaid Office's latest data shows that it has had more than 5,000 Medicaid applicants so far this year.

The only time that CHCC is able to certify services and seek help from private clinics is if CHCC is not able to accommodate the patients. *(Jayson Camacho)*



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NI mayor wants FTZs sans Public Lands help

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While he supports Sen. Sixto Igisomar's (R-Saipan) bill that hopes to develop Pagan through free trade zones, Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan doesn't support the Department of Public Lands being included in its implementation.

"The present language in Public Law 18-16 is sufficient insofar as the implementation of the free trade zone in the Northern Islands without the DPL. The overriding problem is the DPL heretofore has not performed its ministerial duty in compliance with the mandates of the law," Aldan said.

Senate Bill 19-29, aims to bring agencies together to set off the process of resettling Pagan and seeks to amend PL 18-

16 on free trade zones so that the departments of Public Works, DPL, and Lands and Natural Resources, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority can collaborate and cooperate with the Northern

Islands mayor in identifying free trade zones on Pagan.

In reference to a hearing back in 2013, Aldan said issues were discussed which centered on the resettlement and redevelopment of the Northern Islands.

"What is needed is for the Senate to demand accountability from DPL relative to the implementation of PL 18-16 in its present form. Demand for answers as to the laxity in refusing to comply with said law. I



Aldan

am willing to appear before the appropriate Senate committee in the presence of DPL to inform the body on what was discussed during the forum with DPL in 2013, that until the present time, nothing concrete has been carried forward by DPL, except the upcoming Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation consultation meeting organized by the SNILD leadership and NIMO (Northern Islands Mayors Office)," Aldan said.

"To this end, SB 19-29 in its present form will further delay implementation of PL 18-16, as what is intended in SB 19-29 is addressed in PL 18-16 except a new feature in SB 19-29 that expressly provides for rulemak-

ing authority to the mayor in the implementation of PL 18-16, which adds value to PL 12-20 as amended in PL 18-16. Other than this specific issue, NIMO respectfully recommends deletion of all other mandatory provisions in their entirety in the present SB 19-29. What is critical is the authority over rulemaking, which this bill includes," he added.

Aldan said that he will soon submit to the Senate a proposed revenue-generating legislation relative to issuance of permit and assessment of fees that would provide a revenue base for the implementation of PL 18-16.

Aside from Aldan submitting his initial letter for SB 19-29, Saipan and Northern Islands

Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela also submitted a letter in regards to the bill by making the Northern Islands mayor the rule-making authority.

"The council fully supports passage of SB 19-29 upon the specific amendments...amend the present language in Section 1 and replace with an unequivocal provision that provides the mayor with rulemaking authority to fully carry out the intent and purpose as provided in PL 12-20 as amended in PL 18-16 on FTZs for the Gani Islands," Tudela said.

Tudela also proposed amendments on requiring the mayor to identify public lands pursuant to other laws for land use in consultation with the council and

the legislative delegation.

Other amendments that she has proposed are for the respective mayors to work with the municipal council and DPL in the promulgation of rules and regulations, including authorizing the mayors to issue permits and assess fees, and report to the municipal council, legislative delegation, and the governor's council on the management of and use of program revenue intended to implement the intent of FTZ program.

"Also require a portion of the program revenue to fund local entrepreneurial capacity building, workforce development, and venture capital on locally based trade and commerce and promotion of ecotourism in Gani," Tudela said.

SB 19-29 was introduced on March 2015 and is now with the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 26, 2000

DPH reminds public to handle food safely

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez has urged the public to carry out safe food handling practices to prevent any possible outbreak of food-borne diseases on the island following a recent food poisoning that downed almost 100 people. The health secretary reminded the people that potentially hazardous food (meat, seafood, eggs, dairy products and poultry) can only be placed in the danger zone within a limited time period. Never leave food, whether raw or cooked, in the "temperature danger zone" from 40 degrees Fahrenheit to 140 degrees Fahrenheit for more than four hours. Maintain cleanliness and sanitary condition in the cooking station.

Curfew hours reinforced for minors

The Division of Youth Services, along with the Department of Public Safety Juvenile section, is keeping a close watch on curfew violators around the Garapan area in fresh efforts to curb crimes and misdemeanors committed by juveniles especially during the nightly Liberation Day carnival. DYS Juvenile Probation Supervisor Sylvio Ada has underscored the need to crack down on minors who stay way beyond curfew hours without parental guidance. According to the law, it shall be unlawful for any minor

June 26, 2004

CUC seeks USDA loan for wastewater outfall

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is applying for a loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund the construction of an ocean outfall that would discharge effluent from the Agingan Point Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Once the CUC obtains the loan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said it would set the schedule within the wastewater treatment facility should be back into compliance with environmental regulations.

CUC rate study update may now proceed

A new study on the rate structure of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. may be in the offing, with the Water Task Force reiterating the need to update the rate structure to assist the agency in cost recovery. Water Task Force chair Diego T. Benavente disclosed Friday that, with the approval of the \$5.2 million spending plan for Saipan's water project, funding for technical assistance to update the CUC's rate study that was developed a few years ago was also provided. With the approval of the grant, the task force and the CUC will be able to implement the recommendations of the Water Infrastructure Report developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

June 26, 2005

OPA halts probe on CUC bid protest

The Office of the Public Auditor has temporarily halted the investigation of a protest filed by a bidder against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., following the governor's May 19 state of emergency declaration. The bid protest filed by the Commonwealth Industrial Supply Co. Inc. was still pending before OPA when the governor issued the declaration, which among other things, suspended CUC's procurement and other regulations. CISCO is protesting CUC's decision to award a contract to a foreign company, saying the winning bidder did not follow bid requirements and should have been disqualified. Further, CISCO maintained that it should have been given preference in the bid, as its firm was locally incorporated and licensed.

Labor fines hotel

The Department of Labor has sanctioned Pacific Islands Club for failing to correct deficiencies with an employment application for six months and failing to appeal the denial of that application for the same period. Labor hearing officer Jerry Cody ordered Inter-Pacific Resort Corp., which operates PIC, to pay \$250 on or before July 5. Cody said additional sanctions would be ordered against the company if it fails to pay the fine on time. PIC failed to appeal the Nov. 18, 2004 denial until May 27, 2005, or six months later. Cody reported that, at the hearing, the PIC representative testified that the delay was caused by an administrative "oversight" on the company's part and was not the fault of the worker. It was also learned that the delay was caused mainly by the JVA deficiency. Cody related that PIC had initially obtained a JVA for Huevos' application. PIC did not obtain the certified JVA until March 2005, six months after the deficiency notice was issued.

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Man gets 5 years in prison for warehouse burglary

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has resented Mathias Salasiban to the maximum of five years in prison to be served day to day without the possibility of parole for his involvement in a conspiracy to steal copper wires and other items from a warehouse in Afetnas.

At the sentencing hearing on Wednesday, Camacho gave the 29-year-old Salasiban credit for time served.

"The people of the CNMI cry out for justice against the epidemic of thefts, burglaries, and robberies. There can be no justice without an appropriate punishment," Camacho said.

The judge said the five-year sentence is appropriate because Salasiban is an adult, who admitted to using illegal drugs every day, and commits crimes to support his illegal lifestyle and gambling habits.

Camacho said defendant's actions adversely affect the CNMI community.

Camacho said no sentence is suspended and no parole is appropriate because Salasiban has already gotten the benefit in the plea agreement when all other charges were dismissed by the Office of the Attorney General amounting to possible jail sentence of over 30 years.

He said Salasiban desires to

»Admits to using marijuana every day, 'ice' as much as twice a week

again lower his sentence with "a time served sentence" and walk out of prison immediately.

Camacho said a suspended sentence in this case would not serve the interest of justice.

Camacho said for Salasiban to be eligible for parole would make it possible to lower his sentence and would not serve the interest of justice.

Salasiban was among the five defendants charged in the burglary at the warehouse of Han Nam, formerly known as the Onu Moda Factory on Dec. 18 and 19, 2012.

Salasiban and co-defendant Jefferey J. Lizama pleaded guilty to burglary. In August 2013, Camacho slapped the two with a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison with no parole.

Salasiban and Lizama appealed.

In December 2014, the CNMI Supreme Court returned the case to the trial court for resentencing because not ordering the presentence investigation report resulted in Salasiban receiving a sentence twice as long as the statutory maximum for the crime he committed.

With respect to Lizama's appeal, the high court ruled that warehouse use for storage is considered unoccupied structure and sentence can only be a

maximum of five years in prison. His resentencing will be on Nov. 18, 2015.

At the resentencing of Salasiban on Wednesday, assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas recommended a prison sentence of three years and other conditions.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig, counsel for Salasiban, recommended a prison sentence of two and a half years with credit for two and a half years time-served.

In his order, Camacho noted that Salasiban's own mother states that defendant steals from his own family members

to support his illegal drugs and gambling habit.

Camacho said some of the facts that the court did find relevant are that Salasiban is an adult who choose to voluntarily use and admitted to using illegal drugs every day.

In fact, Camacho said, the mother states that Salasiban uses all his money on illegal drugs and gambling.

Camacho said the defendant started stealing jewelry and other items to sell and support his illegal drugs and gambling habit.

Camacho clarified that Salasiban is not being punished because he is a drug addict, but because he is a convicted thief and burglar who joined other known criminals to burglarize and steal

other people's property.

In this particular case, Camacho said, the burglary crew met and discussed what place to burglarize that night and without hesitation, everyone agreed to commit the crime.

Camacho said working as a team, the crew quickly moved the copper wires, power tools, and other items to a temporary stash area.

After stealing and destroying over \$4,000 worth of another person's property, the crew got a grand total of \$120 with each of the five member burglary crew getting an equal share of \$20.

"Did defendant Salasiban go and buy medicine or food for his family? No. Instead each member of the burglary crew

went into a poker parlor to gamble," Camacho pointed out.

Salasiban admitted to using marijuana every day and "ice" one to two times every week.

The three co-defendants are Sonny Babauta, Fiden Hamo, and Petrus Anastacio. Hamo, Lizama and Hamo pleaded guilty.

Babauta went to trial and was convicted by the jury. He appealed his conviction. The appeal is still pending in the Supreme Court.

Hamo pleaded guilty in the burglary case and also in a rock-throwing incident. He was slapped with a five-year jail term.

Anastacio's charge of accessory after the fact to burglary was dismissed during the trial.

KHS, TES set students' report card distribution

Kagman High School will distribute its students' report card beginning on July 1 at the school's main office from 9am to 4:30pm. Report card distribu-

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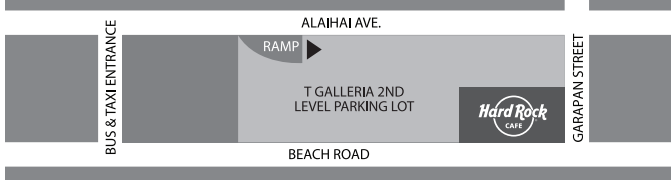
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Cafe MangoSix

Don't ask where the name came from. The sign on the door is in English and Hangul; with the high amount of Korean investment out of Korea, preferring to invest in the U.S. "free market." this eating establishment on island comes as no surprise. However, for olfactory delicacy, kimchi is not in the menu.

Cafe MangoSix is the Starbuck of Korea, with the "Six" separated by an elongated "S" sign (or, Starbuck is the Cafe MangoSix of the USA, excuse the parochialism), but a national symbol, with its own brand of coffee and favored desserts.

It is actually more upscale than what the ordinary CW wallet can afford but it is within walking distance from NMC so making it a student hangout or holding a meeting place for trysts and appointments makes it a convenient place. Then one can pick up pickled radish at the Korean supermarket next door for the wife!

The water fountains are a visual relief from the warmth of the summer as 10 spouts gush up on the upper parking lot with the landscaped garden that would not shame a Nippon in Hawaii. Cafe MangoSix might help the Highway department attend to the sidewalk while the cacti vie for water and sun along with the palm tree, mango, papaya, taro, and other plants.

School donation of one's choice is offered when a customer puts the receipt on a school slot by the door, a smart promo for the establishment's support of education as well as a "feel good" incentive for customers, the majority of whom are upscale children of the moneyed business class from Sinosphere, seen to drive their own recently out-of-the-dealers' vehicles.

Cafe MangoSix lists four Wi-Fis, accessible with a password printed on the wall bulletin board, or carefully enunciated when asked by the amiable staff that evidently absorbed their customer service manners at training. It is a plus that the smoothies are stirred with fruits exuding garden freshness.

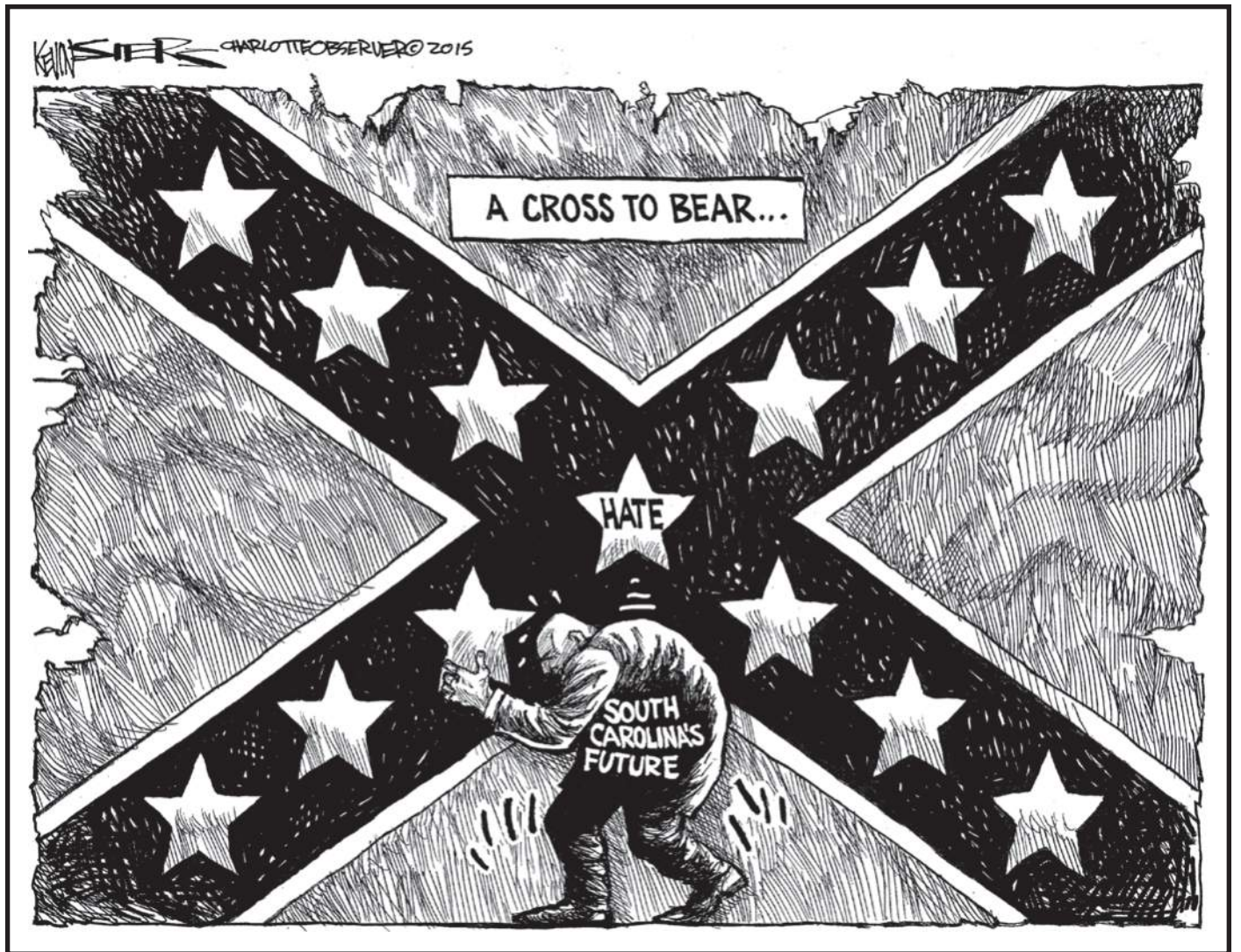
We are not partial to any coffee shop establishment on Saipan, notwithstanding the competing one that this paper's parent company owns, so focusing on Cafe MangoSix is not an endorsement of the place, by any means, save as we endorse any establishment on island that takes the effort to carefully plan out their design and construction, is ecofriendly with its surroundings, and bothers to really make its staff behave so that the customer feel welcomed at the place. We are not gushing, but Cafe MangoSix excels in all of the items in our criteria.

Coffee is a recently discovered drink in Sinosphere that now competes fairly with tea. The Spanish and the Germans, along with the Americans, did leave a legacy of caffeine consumption, so coffee trees are still visible on the leeward side of Mt. Tapuchao. The CNMI is thus culturally not a stranger to the habit.

Nor should we skew the fact that the countries of Sinosphere are also imbibing on the drink and have a ready market to buy them should we choose to plant them in Agrihan, Pagan, Alamagan, Anatahan, and Tinian rather than defoliating two of the places with ordnance like the Farallon de Medinilla graveyard!

So, coffee farmers, you may increase your yield.

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Essence of traditional values

Is it really difficult drawing moral lessons from time-honored traditional values? If so, then I strongly suggest that we begin watching "Gun Smoke" or "The Rifleman" if only to draw direly needed moral fable from these Western TV programs.

"If you neglect to do this now, you will pay a penalty later. If a corner is cut here, you will regret it there." To ignore moral fables is convenient but it equally mortgages our future to what would eventually become a neglected past. No such thing as "and he lives happily ever after" only found in fairy tales.

I often quiz why the miscue or seeming lack of perception on issues of substance and the open trashing of fiduciary duty as though it's business as usual. Is it ignorance mired in pride? Is this why logical reasoning suffers heavily on issues requiring deliberative discussions?

For those who'd venture reframing the question you're out of luck. I will still insist that you answer the query. I want truthful answers not demagoguery!

Self-Destruction: Avoiding the issue is a sure pathway for politicians to run aground the reef of career destruction. It would haunt you for failing to engage reasoned conversation with people you represent and among yourselves. Don't you have institutional memories of events unfolding around you? Why allow matters to disappear in the fog of related but unnecessary issues?

Bankruptcy: A case in point is the now insolvent Settlement Fund poked to death by liberal politicians who never saw the consequence of draining the program of its last penny. The unfunded liability is around \$789 million or the amount owed the program until the last retiree dies. The annual fiscal obligation would bankrupt the NMI quicker than meets nimble minds. Is this an issue for you at all?

Real experts must be retained to revamp the program so it is cash-balanced. Or is this too difficult an undertaking and are we supposed to sink because policymakers have stuck to their guns of "do-nothing?"

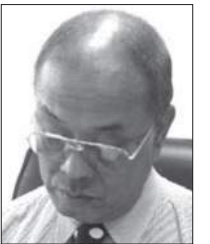
Budgetary Shortfall: Perplexing, if not, alarming that even at the get-go the \$146 million for FY '16 is short by \$40-plus million. It doesn't include utility debts by agencies under the NMI umbrella. This in a nutshell is the NMI's fiscal posture. What have the 29 legislators done to improve upon revenue generation?

Alternatives: How do you navigate resolving the persistent fiscal crisis? Would you impose new taxes; borrow from a loaning institution or reduction in force (RIF). Do the guys and gals have the resolve to undertake one of three options? Or would they quietly resolve to sleepwalk it once more?

Would you be blind to impose taxes against taxpayers when recently we had to deal with new increases in health premiums and

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deductibles while literally struggling to endure increases in the price of basic commodities? Is the NMI fiscally poised to borrow even a penny? Do we have the political resolve to begin attrition or reduction in force?

Self-service healthcare: CHC needs about \$40 million for operations. Policymakers never saw the need to fund it since several years ago. Is it now policy that healthcare at the hospital is "self-service" because the Legislature simply failed to fund its operations? Do legislators understand the consequence of their decision on this issue? Isn't health one of three basic essential services requiring greater attention beyond demagoguery?

Bold Actions: The NMI must necessarily take bold and unusual measures including opening up the single license casino to at least two to scrounge up more mullah. Isn't it money that we need to pare down spiraling deficits and obligations? Eh, \$60 million is double what the NMI has collected so far from a single license casino. Common sense, anybody?

Ceremonial BS: There's also the glare of wasteful spending of hard-earned taxpayers' contributions we've addressed, ceremonially. You've heard speeches to downsize the 29-member useless bicameral legislative system. Did it get anywhere other than to nowhere land? Was that discussed perceptually or realistically?

Then there's the picnic attitude to milk taxpayers to death employing more than 4,000 people doing a lot of nothing. Don't you think taxpayers deserve a break by implementing attrition or cuts forthwith? Isn't it the primary role of local government to provide three basic services in health, education and public safety? An across the board audit ought to eliminate "nice" versus "real" qualifications. Do we have the coconuts for it?

Demagoguery: Some politicians have started mastering demagoguery—appealing to popular and disoriented support over the more thoughtful and rational views—on issues. Yet, you carefully and critically pace their spouts versus what ought to be done and there's nothing up that alley that is consistent and relevant. Be it the Rifleman or what have you it's time to buckle down to rationality, now!

‘The Conqueror Worm’

You’re probably not used to seeing me clad in an argyle sweater-vest and wearing a bow tie, but it’s not my fault. Blame Dave.

Dave is the guy who kicked me awake in English class one day because the teacher had called on me. The topic of the day was “The Raven,” which was the first, and last, exposure we received to the writer and poet Edgar Allen Poe (1809-1849).

That’s too bad, because there’s a lot more to Poe than “The Raven.” Now I ain’t trying to play no English teacher here, and I don’t know nothing about no literature, but since I’m on my best behavior in these intellectual-looking clothes I’m going to mention a favorite poem: “The Conqueror Worm.”

You can recite it at the campfire and really creep out your pals. Poe is good for that. Or if you ever want to cut short a first date but don’t know how to go about this delicate business politely, well, Poe’s good for that, too.

“The Conqueror Worm” opens up describing angels who are sitting down in a theater to watch a play. The play is about mankind. Before the play even starts, the angels are crying. Hey, crying angels is never a good sign, so you know this won’t have a happy ending.

As the play unfolds, the usual array of human dramas runs its circular course.

Then a worm comes along and eats everyone.

Here’s the poem:

■■■
The Conqueror Worm
By Edgar Allen Poe

Lo! ’t is a gala night

Within the lonesome latter years!
An angel throng, bewinged, bedight
In veils, and drowned in tears,
Sit in a theatre, to see
A play of hopes and fears,
While the orchestra breathes fitfully
The music of the spheres.

Mimes, in the form of God on high,
Mutter and mumble low,
And hither and thither fly—
Mere puppets they, who come and go
At bidding of vast formless things
That shift the scenery to and fro,
Flapping from out their Condor wings
Invisible Woe!

That motley drama—oh, be sure
It shall not be forgot!
With its Phantom chased for evermore
By a crowd that seize it not,
Through a circle that ever returneth in
To the self-same spot,
And much of Madness, and more of Sin,
And Horror the soul of the plot.

But see, amid the mimic rout,
A crawling shape intrude!
A blood-red thing that writhes from out

By ED STEPHENS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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His column runs every Friday.



The scenic solitude!
It writhes!—it writhes!—with mortal pangs
The mimes become its food,
And seraphs sob at vermin fangs
In human gore imbued.

Out—out are the lights—out all!
And, over each quivering form,
The curtain, a funeral pall,
Comes down with the rush of a storm,
While the angels, all pallid and wan,
Uprising, unveiling, affirm
That the play is the tragedy, “Man,”
And its hero, the Conqueror Worm.

■■■

That’s quite a riff. I think even Dave and I would have paid attention to that in school. But I’m taking off this bow tie since it’s time to start the weekend. So, cheers, let’s enjoy life before the Conqueror Worm takes us off the stage for good.

Charleston shooting, Confederate flag stir memories of apartheid-era South Africa

Three weeks ago, I was scrolling through the day’s Facebook newsfeed of kitty pictures and partisan broadsides when I saw an advertisement for T-shirts with the old South African flag on them.

The maker was a group called “Naughty South Africans.” Why did Facebook’s algorithms flag me as a prospective customer? As a fortysomething, white South African immigrant, I guess I’m supposed to be “naughtily” nostalgic for aproned black servants and whites-only barbecues under the acacias.

In fact, that old orange, white and blue tricolor reminds of a million and half dead in the Mozambican and Angolan civil wars, begun by the neighboring white governments. It makes me think of armored cars; of white farmers welding black laborers’ hands to tractors; of revolutionaries lighting gasoline-soaked tires around informants’ necks.

So I right-clicked on the advertisement to say I didn’t want to see more like it. When Facebook asked me if the T-shirts might violate its community standards, I clicked yes. For better or worse, Facebook restricts hate speech. It didn’t agree in this case, though, that the apartheid flag was that kind of symbol. Probably compared to gory snuff pictures and profanity-laced death threats, a retired flag looked as innocent as a daisy field.

Fast-forward to last Thursday morning. My first thought when I heard about Charleston, S.C.,—long before I saw the Facebook pictures of Dylann Roof with the flags—was that this reminded me very much of a bright November afternoon in Pretoria in 1988. Bar-end Strydom was around the same age as Roof, 23 years old. Like Roof, Strydom appreciated guns, and he, too, fervently believed

blacks were out to kill, rape and enslave white people.

Roof picked his American symbol carefully. Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church is a landmark of black liberation. This killing was meant to send a message, clear as any Jim Crow lynching. Stay down, black people, or as Roof told a congregant who asked him to stop shooting: “You’re taking over our country. You have to go.”

Strydom started his own shooting spree in Strydom Square, after the early apartheid leader who shared his last name. “I ran and looked around, searching for blacks,” he later told the media. If Roof reputedly struggled because of how kind the congregation had been to him, Strydom found it hard to shoot innocent pedestrians after making eye contact.

“I did not look at their faces,” he later confessed of the eight people he killed and 16 he wounded. Strydom was caught by surely one of the greatest heroes in the history of such massacres. A 32-year-old man named Simon Mukondeleli tapped Strydom on the shoulder from behind.

“Excuse me, baas, but that baas is calling you,” he said. Baas—boss—is the self-demeaning term blacks had to use to address whites under apartheid. But then Mukondeleli surprised Strydom and grabbed his gun.

South Carolina officials have already begun talking about the death penalty for Roof. Although I’m not a supporter of the penalty, the words used in court by the recently deceased Vincent Bugliosi, who prosecuted the Manson murders, seem applicable.

“If you won’t hand down the ultimate penalty in this case,” Bugliosi asked, “when would you?”

Justice, revenge and forgiveness in the wake of Charleston

The asymmetry of response to the massacre at Charleston, S.C.’s, Emanuel AME Church can hardly be missed. Most attention has rightly been focused on those who’ve adopted a “let’s wait and see” approach to deciding whether this crime was racially significant and indeed indicative of larger problems. But there has been another question on which a divide has emerged, along similar lines: What should happen to the shooter?

The governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, has been clear about what she thinks Dylann Roof’s fate should be.

“We will absolutely want him to have the death penalty,” Haley told NBC’s “Today” show late last week, perhaps to assure the public of how despicable she found the attacks.

Faced the same day with Roof, 21, the man charged with gunning down their relatives, those closest to the dead were just as clear. They wept, but they forgave Roof on the spot.

It might seem odd at first that the grieving would be less clamorous in calls for a racist killer’s comeuppance than the governor of a state notable for its pride in a symbol of slavery and terrorism. Although Haley deserves credit for announcing her intention to remove it, the Confederate flag flew over the building where Haley does business as Roof terrorized Emanuel AME Church. Shortly after the shooting, Haley made headlines as she condemned, through tears, what had transpired.

“The heart and soul of South Carolina was broken,” she told reporters.

If anything, this attack pulled back the curtain and revealed how steeped in violence the state’s heart and soul remains. We saw what it took for the state to finally disavow its sanction of a symbol whose presence has been so painful to so many. And in Haley’s stated desire for Roof’s death at the hands of the government, we saw how far we have to go.

It makes sense that a man who appears to have killed out of some twisted sense of justice would have been brought up in the shadow of a government that, in its vociferous support of the death penalty, equates justice with revenge. It makes sense that a governor so staunchly opposed to gay marriage, presumably on Levitical grounds, wouldn’t wait to prescribe an Old Testament fate for Roof while the families of the dead preached the opposite.

The death penalty has historically been applied to people of color far more often than to whites convicted of similar crimes. Haley’s desire to use it on Roof amounts to reassuring us that one act of violence against black people will be met with a weapon otherwise well-known as an agent of that violence. Roof’s death at the hands of the state would do nothing to change the fact that the death penalty remains at odds with any aspirations to a society free from racial violence.

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Strydom was sentenced to death eight times. He got lucky, though. F.W. de Klerk released him as a political prisoner in 1992, and after 1994 he received amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Strydom sold his story for \$8,000 to Rapport newspaper, telling it his violence had been justified. Today he farms north of Pretoria. Mukondeleli, much less fortunate, was shot in an unrelated street battle in 1999.

It was late, much later on Thursday, when I saw what has now become the infamous picture of Dylann Roof with his apartheid and Rhodesian flags. By now, the world knows that, like the Confederate logo flying on the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse, the apartheid tricolor is indeed a symbol of hatred. Given the ties between American and South African white supremacists, I would not be surprised to learn that Roof took explicit inspiration from Strydom in planning his massacre.

Where to from here? Six years after Strydom slaughtered his people for their skin color, South Africa was free. Nelson Mandela was president. New flags flew. The country tried, however imperfectly, to take stock of its past.

Six years from today, where will America be? What flag will fly in downtown Columbia? Will we still imprison young men of color at triple the rate of even apartheid South Africa? Will racist police brutality still punctuate the headlines? Will black lives finally matter?

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The News & Observer

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The criminal justice system, in a perfect world, would be preventative and rehabilitative. It should not be wielded as a tool for revenge — especially when those who have most reason to seek revenge are instead extending forgiveness.

It is an awful shame that Dylann Roof lives while people like Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Tanisha Anderson, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Reika Boyd and Freddie Gray, to name far too few, do not.

But if radical, remarkable forgiveness of the type seen since last week’s shooting can change the way at least one person thinks about justice and stop more black lives from being lost, we will have taken a crucial step toward doing right by those already gone.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 5 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from a circulation east of Mindanao across 8N130E to a circulation west of Chuuk near 8N145E then curves southeastward to end southeast of Kosrae near 2N168E. Areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen over Koror near yap and south of Guam, Chuuk and Pohnpei or south of a line running from 8N134E to 14N144E to 8N158E to EQ164E. A surface trough runs northeastward from a weak circulation near Tarawa at 2N171E to beyond 6N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are south of a line running from 4N166E to 10N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼52
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲85	▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90	▼82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼77
Melbourne	Sunny	▲63	▼44
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼69
Osaka	Rain	▲74	▼72
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼62
Pusan	Rain	▲76	▼67
Rome	Sunny	▲89	▼66
Salem	Sunny	▲94	▼63
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼55
Seoul	Rain	▲74	▼65
Tokyo	Rain	▲78	▼69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88	▼70

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Saipan Harbor			
3:29 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:42 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
4:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet
9:52 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	1:37 PM	12:59 AM
Saturday	2:25 PM	1:39 AM
Sunday	3:16 PM	2:22 AM
Monday	4:09 PM	3:07 AM
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Group wants to showcase traditional blacksmithing, carving in CNMI

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

The Guam Council of Arts and Humanities Agency wants to revive traditional blacksmithing and carving among CNMI youth and adults with masters Francisco C. Lizama and Greg T. Pangelinan expressing great interest in teaching them locally.

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela said she is collaborating with the Northern Marianas Technical Institute in introducing local blacksmithing at the school.

From June 12 to 14, Tudela met with the CAHA masters at the Guam Micronesia Island Fair held at Ipao Beach Park. The two masters also met with NMTI education director Vic Cepeda on Saipan and discussed plans to extend the program to Saipan.

"It would help let the young generation interested in local blacksmithing who want to learn how to use traditional Chamorro and Carolinian tools. It is a great opportunity to keep our culture alive and they can learn something from it," Tudela said.

NMTI chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres earlier said she had been talking with Tudela regarding the local blacksmith-

ing program.

"To preserve our culture it is necessary for blacksmithing and we have been in discussion for NMTI to host the class. It is a great opportunity and collaboration between the council and us and it would help our young and old who want to learn blacksmithing," McPhetres said.

For Tudela's part, she wants to push for the revival of traditional blacksmithing and carving as cultural artifacts of indigenous islanders. Tudela will seek local funding in support of this local effort.

Lizama is a retired Guam Fire chief and U.S. Army Reserve, while Pangelinan retired from the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. Both have pursued their passion in the arts and crafts, representing Guam in the Festival of the Pacific Arts in Palau in 2004, American Samoa in 2008, and the Solomon Islands in 2012. Both also took part in similar events in New Caledonia and Australia.

The masters also participated in the Guam Micronesia Island Festival in Guam and the CNMI's Flame Tree Festival. Lizama has practiced blacksmithing for over 25 years and Pangelinan began learning the traditional arts at the early age of

13, when he took a drawing class at Barrigada Junior High.

During Wednesday's council meeting in Chalan Kanoa, Tudela also disclosed a collaborative engagement with the Association of Elected Officials in Guam and private business ventures there and in the CNMI in sponsoring with Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan the first Konferencian Dinana Islas Marianas in Pagan in 2016.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Giant clamshells in the photo are fossilized shells found underground in Naval Air Station during a construction project in Guam. The clamshells, unique in size, are estimated to be 40 million years old according to a Guam geologist. From left, CAHA master carver Greg Pangelinan, John Lizama, Bill Torres, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela, and CAHA master blacksmith Frank Lizama.

Tinian scholarship office relocates to NMC Campus

The Tinian Municipal Scholarship Office has been relocated to the Tinian Northern Marianas College Campus (Room E) as of June 17, 2015.

The relocation is part of the office's efforts to improve public service effectively and efficiently. With this relocation, all students will also have the opportunity to connect with NMC partners within the same

facility. Office staff, as well as the Tinian NMC staff, are ready to assist students in working toward furthering their educational goals.

For further inquiries, contact the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Office at 433-2200/0649 or email tinianscholarship@gmail.com. The office's operating hours is from 7:30am to 4:30pm on weekdays. (PR)

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Pardon Hearing Agenda
Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 9:00am
And, if necessary, Wednesday, July 01, 2015 at 9:00am
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call 3. Presence of Quorum 2. Consent Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of Agenda 3. Pardon Hearing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benigno Repeki Fitial 4. Miscellaneous <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other Matters 5. Adjournment 	<p>Criminal Case No. 14-0551-CR</p>
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The Board of Parole will be considering whether to support or object to a pardon for former Governor Benigno R. Fitial. After hearing public testimony and discussing the matter, the Board will vote on whether to support or object to the issuance of a pardon by Governor Eloy S. Inos.

Because of the anticipated large number of attendees at this hearing, not all attendees who wish to make oral statements may be able to do so. However, any person wishing to submit a written statement to the Board for its consideration may do so by dropping it off in person at the Board of Parole Office on Capitol Hill prior to the start of the hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 9:00 am.

If you have any questions, please call the Parole Office at (670) 664-3300 or 3302.

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CHCC still on planning stage for universal healthcare

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. might be looking at a more cost-effective measure for universal health care coverage that would benefit the community.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muna had been leaning over the years toward universal health care and now CHCC is in the planning grant stage.

"We need to make sure there's a means to collect data throughout the CNMI. This is complex as well. Proper planning and working with project officer is critical. The implementation grant opportunity is not until next year so while we are planning for this, it is not as easy," Muna said.

CHCC is working on the uni-



Muna

versal health insurance under the State Innovation Model grant that takes into account the integration of the Division of Public Health and the corporation.

The SIM grant takes advantage of the health-care system model that CHCC has where public health, mental health, and the hospital are inte-

grated in one agency.

Last December, CHCC was awarded the SIM grant in the amount of \$750,000 after the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Center selected the CNMI entering into a cooperative agreement with CHCC.

The funding would enable the CNMI, CHCC, and public, private, and resident stakeholders to work collaboratively to develop a CNMI-wide plan to

support healthcare transformation in CNMI with the goal of decreasing the overall cost of healthcare, improving patient experience and satisfaction with quality care and outcomes, and improving population health.

The universal health insurance would be a great help as CNMI witnessed the debacle of CHC's funding reduction resulting to secure loans, the loss of personnel, lack of laboratory supplies, difficulties with medical referrals back in 2011, and the CMS deficiencies and immediate jeopardizes in 2011.

Recently, it has increased the standard of care, hired more phy-

sicians, extended its certification addressing CMS by decreasing its deficiencies prior to the 2011 survey, and will soon come out with a business plan that would identify revenue streams.

In an earlier interview, Muna said that transformation is critically needed and with the SIM grant, will allow and improve the integration of healthcare services between the public health and clinical services units of the CHCC and private providers.

"Should the CNMI be successful in this effort, then the CNMI would be eligible to apply for SIM 'Test' funding to implement the plan," she said.

Plans for Guam veterans hospital in the works

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The Guam and Regional Veterans Healthcare Council are making plans to develop what could be the nation's first private hospital for veterans.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports

the group met Wednesday to discuss the facility, which is being called the Veterans Healthcare Center of Excellence.

Council chairman Peter Sgro says the estimated cost of the hospital would be about \$167

million, which would be completely funded by investment banks and private investors. He says there are currently three investment banks and 12 investors interested in the project.

The proposed facility would

offer housing services for patients from off the island and a shuttle service. A location hasn't been determined.

Sgro says the project is meant to be a solution to the lack of health care available for Guam veterans.

Public invited to PSS Instructional Expo today

Interested in previewing materials that may be used in our children's classroom? The Instructional Materials Expo is the place to go.

The Public School System will roll out the Instructional Materials Expo today on Saipan. This will showcase trends in instructional and learning tools and resources that impacts classroom practices.

The expo is free and open to the public and will be held from 1pm to 7pm at Marianas High School cafeteria.

The Instructional Materials Expo is part of PSS' initiative of adopting resources to be used in all of public schools in the areas of Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts, Math, and Chamorro & Carolinian Language Heritage Studies.

Today's event will feature booths of various vendors who will showcase and present today's instructional materials which the public can freely

browse through. The public will also have the chance to provide feedback on the materials that are on display and their eventual use in the classrooms.

The Instructional Materials Expo is part of a district-wide activity. Rota and Tinian will hold their separate Instructional Materials Expo next week: June 29 for Rota at Sinapalo Elementary School cafeteria and on July 1 at Tinian Junior Senior High School library. They will be from 1pm to 7pm during those dates.

"It is our effort to have our parents and community participate in this process. Parents and community matter," explains Associate Education Commissioner for Instructional Services Jackie Quitugua.

Special PSS teams were been formed to review the resources and are taking all stakeholders feedback into consideration the week after the expositions. (PSS)

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的氢水的美容效果。

通过吸收体的氢水，并顺利血，并准备肠道环境出院的浪费，有一个美丽的肌肤的效果。

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由氢水溶液的细胞在体内的作用被激活，新陈代谢得到改善，我可以期待的美丽，美白，减肥的效果。

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KOREAN

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Villora Condotel Residence under permit application No.SMS-2015-X-007. The permit application was submitted by the Venture Capital Group to construct 2-3 story resort-style condominium complex on 21,177 square meters of private land specifically on lot numbers 014 B 07 and 014 B 08. The Villora Condotel Residence will be situated in Achugao area. The proposal will incorporate a range of amenities including 112 Condominiums, 6-Villas, retail shop, clubhouse with swimming pool, library, 1-central swimming pool, paved driveways and parking lots.

The public hearing is scheduled for July 13, 2015, 5:00PM at the BECQ Conference room, Suite 205, Middle Road, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Villora Condotel Residence project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Eco Camp now in its 16th year at Mariana Resort

Eco Camp is under way at the Mariana Resort and Spa. Campers are participating in activities like snorkeling, hiking, field trips, kayaking, swimming, and arts and crafts. Yesterday campers spent the day swimming and snorkeling on Managaha Island.

"We are really excited to offer Eco Camp now for our 16th year at the Mariana Resort. We have a great set of counselors and adventure guides and we look forward to another awesome summer," said this year's

DEQ red-flags Talakhaya Beach

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged Talakhaya Beach on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

camp manager Risa Imai.

Camp facilities include three swimming pools, golf course, tennis courts, snorkeling beach, kayaks, go karts, and off-road vehicles.

Additionally Eco Camp schedules guest speakers who come in and help teach the kids about the environment and our shared responsibility. Adventure Guides from Marianas Trekking also help with daily camp activities.

Aya Matsumoto is the general manager of Marianas Trekking.

"Risa and her team are doing an outstanding job and we are really proud that we've been able to offer Eco Camp to the local community and to our tourists for so many years now. Eco Camp is a shared adventure and we are happy



to have been able to reach so many kids over the years," says Marianas Trekking founder Chris Nelson.

Eco Camp is designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 13 and continues throughout the summer. For more information call 3238735 or visit marianas-trekking.com

Founded in 2000 Marianas Trekking is the pioneer of adventure tours on Saipan. Activities include hiking, mountain biking, snorkeling, kayaking, outrigger canoeing, stand up paddleboarding, and off-roading.

Marianas Trekking is located at the Mariana Resort and Spa in Marpi. **(PR)**

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Participants of this year's Eco Camp pose for a group photo with their instructors and guides at the Mariana Resort and Spa.

NWS proud CNMI recognized as StormReady, TsunamiReady

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service is extremely proud of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for being recognized as StormReady and TsunamiReady.

This recognition is a concerted effort of the entire community of each island. Island leaders have demonstrated that they and their staffs can respond to natural hazards in a timely and systematic manner, and can adequately ensure the safety of

their citizens and visitors.

Saipan has been recognized as StormReady and TsunamiReady since August 2007, Tinian since October 2008, and Rota since March 2009. These two programs recognize communities that critically and thoroughly assess their ability to deal with the threats of tsunamis, typhoons, and other weather and ocean hazards.

The programs include a long list of requirements that must be met and maintained by

those locations that apply for and achieve the recognition. The number of requirements is partly based on population. Saipan requires the highest level of attainment for both the Island as a whole and the Emergency Operations Center, located at Homeland Security Emergency Management at Capitol Hill, since the island population exceeds 40,000 people. Some of the program requirements include: at least four different types of NWS

information reception equipment, at least four types of local weather and water monitoring equipment such as anemometers and rain gauges, at least four ways of getting warning information out to the public, a variety of annual safety talks and exercises, comprehensive and up-to-date emergency plans, excellent documentation, and a close working relationship with the local NWS Forecast Office. Tinian and Rota has to meet

and maintain a slightly smaller package of requirements.

The NWS is equally proud of the achievements of Guam, which has been recognized since June 2006. The Air Force and Navy have also been recognized on Guam, joining the elite group of 2320 locations designated as StormReady and 187 identified as TsunamiReady. More information on these programs can be obtained at <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov> and at <http://www.tsunami-ready.noaa.gov>. **(PR)**



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Eucon's Wei reelected as TRACS institutional rep

Dr. Christian Wei, president of EUCON International University on Saipan, was reelected as one of the institutional representatives by Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) for a period of three years.

Dr. Wei has served as TRACS evaluator in 2009 until 2012, and became member of the accreditation commission since June 1, 2012 until June 30, 2018. He is being sent to various institutions in the U.S. mainland, Pacific, and Asia to evaluate their readiness and compliance with TRACS standards and evaluative criteria prior to granting their accreditation status.

The community especially EUCON benefits from experiences he gained from all

his visits to various institutional organizations around the world by learning from their successes and mistakes.

The nominating committee also announces results of the 2015 election of Accreditation Commission members.

The following individuals were elected for a three-year term which will begin on July 1, 2015, and end on June 30, 2018:

Institutional Representatives:

■ Dr. Christian Wei, president, EUCON International University

■ Dr. James Flanagan, presi-



dent, Luther Rice University

■ Dr. Kathy Franklin, provost and executive vice president, Virginia University of Lynchburg

■ Mr. Harry Schmidt, president, Christian Life College

■ Dr. Gary Weier, executive vice president for Academic Affairs, Bob Jones University

Public Representative:

■ Dr. William Bowden, Retired Educator

Dr. Kizuwanda Grant, vice president of Academic Affairs, Paul Quinn College, was elected to serve as an institutional representative for a two-year term which will begin on

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diplomas; and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees; including institutions that offer distance education and/or correspondence education. <http://tracs.org/index.html> (accessed June 25, 2015). (PR)

Military to conduct training at WA-517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 June 29 from 8am to 6:30pm.

The U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Marines will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ June 29 from 9am to 5pm

■ June 30 from 10am to 7pm

■ July 1 from 10am to 4pm

■ July 2 from 11am to 5:30pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends

south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lower Base Transfer Station, Marpi Landfill closed on July 4

The Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill facilities will be closed all day on Saturday, July 4, 2015, in observance of Independence Day. Regular schedule will resume on Monday, July 6, 2015, from 7:30am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 4pm. (PR)

NMC-CREES invites community to Agri Fair

The Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service (CREES) will be holding its 4-H AGRO-Fashion Contest and Mini Chef Competition at this year's Saipan Agricultural Fair on June 27, 2015. The 4-H AGRO-Fashion Contest is open to children ages 8-12. Entry forms must be submitted by 4pm, June 24, 2015, at the NMC-CREES main office at NMC Campus, Building F. The Mini Chef Competition is open to participants ages 12-16. Entry forms must be submitted by 4pm, June 24, 2015, at the NMC-CREES main office at NMC Campus, Building F. Both Entry Forms can be accessed online at www.marianas.edu. For more information, please contact Polly Omechelang at 237-5498 ext. 6851. (NMC-CREES)



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

NMHC hereby publicly discloses that on May 19, 2015, Monikah H. Diaz, an immediate family member of Frances H. Diaz of NMHC, applied for assistance under the HOME Program.

Said applicant has been determined to be a member of a group or class of low-income persons intended to be beneficiaries of the assisted activity and is applying to receive generally the same benefits being made available to the group or class. Ms. Frances H. Diaz is not and shall not be involved in the handling of this loan application.

NMHC discloses this possible conflict pursuant to 24 CFR 92.356 in order to allow any interested persons to comment before the application is considered for an exception under the applicable HOME Program conflict regulations. Any comments should be submitted to NMHC on or before July 13, 2015.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2015.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
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FEMA limits funds, denies individual assistance

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The Federal Emergency Management Agency recently denied Gov. Eddie Calvo's request for funds that would assist those

whose homes were damaged during Typhoon Dolphin.

The governor requested more than \$10 million in emergency funding for both the repair of

GovGuam and individual assistance. He said he has 30 days to appeal the decision, reported *The Pacific Daily News*.

"We haven't given up," Calvo

said Tuesday. "We have a team going back and looking at the reasons why it was denied so we can give FEMA a second look."

The request states that nearly 400 homes sustained damage during the May storm, with nine homes completely destroyed and another 55 sustaining major damage.

Earlier this month, President Obama issued a disaster declaration for Guam, approving funding for disaster relief. However, that funding didn't cover costs associated with damaged homes.

But the funding that has been approved will pay for the repair or replacement of damaged public facilities, as well as projects to prepare for future disasters.

Guam Memorial Hospital is a public facility that could benefit

from the funds. Administrators estimated that the hospital sustained about \$1 million in structural damage.

"The building sustained a lot of the usual damage associated with typhoon winds and conditions," GMH spokeswoman June Perez said. "The money we would receive from FEMA would help bring us back to where we were before the typhoon."

The typhoon's center passed between Guam and Rota on May 15. The storm caused power and water outages on both islands.

Calvo said he is working non-profit organizations, such as the Guam chapter of the American Red Cross, to figure out ways to provide help to individuals needing assistance.

Pacific Community officials visit Timor-Leste this week

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—With the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste due to officially join the Pacific Community, talks are taking place in Dili this week between senior officials from the government and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

Timor-Leste is in the process of becoming the first new member of the Pacific Community since 1983, alongside all 22 Pacific Island countries and territories and four of the organization's founding members, Australia, France, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

SPC Deputy Director-General, Cameron Diver, and Chief of Staff, Patricia Sachs-Cornish, are due to meet with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Hon Hernâni Coelho, and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Hon Roberto Sarmento De Oliveria Soares, as well as the National Director for International Organization Affairs,

Aleixo Alves Gusmão.

On the agenda will be progress with Timor-Leste formally acceding to the Pacific Community's founding treaty, the Canberra Agreement.

Diver and Sachs-Cornish will also meet officials from the Directorate-General of Multilateral Affairs and the Directorate National of International Organizations, amongst other government entities, to discuss existing and planned development support by SPC and its partners in sectors ranging from disaster risk reduction to agriculture, oceans and trade.

Timor-Leste already benefits from SPC support through the European Development Fund (EDF 10), such as training for the agriculture sector on production and post-harvest practices, trade standards and certification, and improving the country's access to research on climate-smart crops and livestock feed in the Pacific region.

In another example, a Timor-

Leste manager of the European Union-funded Building Safety and Resilience project will shortly be appointed by the National Disaster Management Directorate, within the Ministry of Social Solidarity, to work closely with SPC on reducing the nation's vulnerability to natural hazards.

Timor-Leste is part of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States. By joining the Pacific Community, Timor-Leste will open the prospect of new programmes involving all Pacific ACP States, allowing for a more integrated approach to the development challenges facing this group.

Provided Timor-Leste formally accedes to the founding treaty as expected, its membership will be formally recognized at the Pacific Community Conference in November 2015 in Niue.

Timor-Leste's entry has been warmly endorsed by existing Pacific Community members. (SPC)

Guam Guard to conduct command run in Agana Heights

About 200 soldiers and airmen from the Guam National Guard will be conducting a unit formation, or Command Run, through the beautiful village of Agana Heights today, June 26, beginning at approximately 5:30am.

The Guam Guard members will run an approximate two-mile route within the village, starting and ending at the Agana Heights Baseball Field, right

before the Agana Heights Gym.

The run will pass through Chalan Macajna, Calle Tutujan Ave, Paasan Dr, S-2, Ulloa Untalan Ave, Joseph Cruz Ave, Chalan Gumayus W, Fonte Rd, Luna Ave, Gutierrez St, Joseph Cruz Ave, Vicente Salamo Dr, and Frank Javier Ave.

The run is intended to showcase the Guam National Guard's esprit de corps, pride, morale, and the organization's commit-

ment to the community.

Residents along the run route can expect to hear military cadence as soldiers and airmen pass through their neighborhood.

Motorists are requested to drive slowly and proceed with caution as they drive around and through the village of Agana Heights from 5am to 8am during the Guard's Command Run this Friday. (PR)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE) Civil Action
ESTATE OF:) No. 14-0204-CV
JOSE CAMACHO CABRERA,)

) Date: Aug. 25, 2015

) Time: 1:30 p.m.

) Judge: Hon.

) David A. Wiseman

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Qian Wu Cabrera, Executrix of the Estate of Jose Camacho Cabrera, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Final Decree of Distribution**. The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law**, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the 25th day of August, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.
Dated this 18th day of June, 2015.

PATRICK V. DIAZ
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary	3. Adoption of Agenda
1. Call to Order	
2. Roll Call	
II. Public Comments¹	
III. Reports	3. Commissioner of Education
1. Chair	a. Financial Status Reports
2. Board Committees	i. Federal
a. CIP	ii. Local
b. FPA	b. Head Start Program Report
c. ISA	c. Other matters
d. LIA	
e. SARC	
f. SICPP	
IV. Unfinished Business	
V. New Business	
1. Annual Reports – SY2013-2014	
a. JROTC	
b. Head Start Program	
2. Proposed Policies:	
a. Pay Differential	
b. Morale, Welfare and Recreation	
3. Technology Plan 2016-2018	
4. Technology Rural Development Grant	
5. USDA Distance Education and Telemedicine Grant Application	
6. School Breakfast and Lunch Menu – SY2015-2016	
7. Interim Financing for Rural Development Loan	
8. CUC Payment	
9. BOE/PSS Comments to House Bill Nos. 19-10, 19-66, 19-67, 19-68	
10. Certification and Licensure Matters	
a. CLO Report No. 2015-004	
b. CLO Report No. 2015-005	
VI. Executive Session²	
1. Legal Updates	
2. Personnel/Certification	
3. Other matters	
VII. Administrative Matters	
VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting	
IX. Adjournment	

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Business

For the love of toys: New store 'Kid Stuff!' opens

By FRAULEINE MICHELLE S. VILLANUEVA
 frauline_villanueva@saipantribune.com
 REPORTER

As owner Robert Hunter simply puts it, "Who doesn't love toys?"

However, setting up the newest toy store on island is not about—or at least not only about—his love of toys.

Opening up "Kid Stuff!" at the USL Building in Middle Road, Gualo Rai just last Saturday comes with a promise from Hunter.

"After years of trying to find reasonably priced toys on Saipan for our own kids, and feeling a bit guilty when we'd order online, we decided that we wanted to open a toy store with the goal of keeping prices as close to Internet prices as possible, making on-island shopping for toys a bit easier for parents, and keeping more money on the island," Hunter said.

Toys for everyone

"We also did not want to sacrifice the quality of toys that we sell for price. We have worked to source the best toys possible, the most popular brand names, and in a wide variety," he added.

Right now, Kids Stuff! has an assortment of toy offerings from



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Kid Stuff! owner Robert Hunter and his "consultants" in what toys to sell in Saipan's newest toy store.

Monster High to Lalaloopsy Dolls, to Marvel and other action figures, to Legos, to Imaginext, to Bigwheels, even skateboards and quadcopters and a whole lot more.

According to Hunter, kids in his family, which are mostly girls, are his consultants in what toys should they sell but he said he'd be willing to take requests from customers as well.

"We have a Facebook page, where some of the Kid Stuff! merchandise can be viewed and we invite people to let us know what items they would like to see in the shop," he said.

Of museums and childhood

But the love of toys runs more deeply in Hunter's blood, too.

For the community, Hunter



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

In his "little toy store," Hunter hopes to bring to the community quality but cheaper priced toys. He said he wanted to prove that marking up toys three or four times high is not necessary.

is known as the executive director of the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History and Culture. But it's not the first museum he has worked in.

As a kid, he grew up visiting his grandmother's toy museum and eventually, working at her toy store as well.

"My grandmother also had a toy store and toy museum for over 40 years. My mom had run the store for a time when we were kids, and I'd worked there when I was in high school and

before heading off to college," Hunter said.

"I had the opportunity to go on buying trips with her, visiting manufacturers and placing orders. It was something I very much enjoyed," he added.

Because of this experience, even though he never thought he'd be opening a toy store, running one didn't become much of a problem.

Hunter hopes for the store to become a part of the community in the long run.

"We hope to see growth over the months and years that includes an area for storytelling and crafting, and game nights, a used toy sales area, and that we are able to help with seasonal toy drives to get toys to kids who might not otherwise get toys," he said.

Kids Stuff! currently operates from 5pm to 9pm on Mondays through Fridays, and 10am to 8pm on Saturdays. Hunter says they will be expanding weekday hours soon.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-15-017

WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to provide construction repair services for identified waterline leaks in the CUC water system. This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract will be awarded to multiple Contractors. The work will consist of excavation and leak repairs on various types of waterlines and appurtenances. Materials for leak repairs are to be provided by CUC. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year, contingent upon funding and if exercised by CUC.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC & the US Department of Interior -Bureau of Reclamation. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **June 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by 3:00 p.m. (ChST) on June 26, 2015 in order to be considered.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-15-017, Waterline Repairs, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 14, 2015.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission.

The deadline for proposal submittals is July 14, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be distributed to all registered proponents by the CUC Procurement and Supply office.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents' preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-15-018

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified entities for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

Prospective Bidders must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-018, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 16, 2015,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's (BOD) approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 29, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Republican-led Congress hands Obama major win on trade

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a triumph of divided government, the Republican-controlled Congress passed major trade legislation Wednesday that was long-sought by President Barack Obama but vehemently opposed by most lawmakers in his party.

The measure to strengthen Obama’s hand in global trade talks cleared the Senate on a

vote of 60-38, and will go to the White House for his signature—less than two weeks after it was temporarily derailed in the House in an uprising of Democratic lawmakers who argued it would cost American jobs.

A companion bill, to renew an expiring program of federal aid for workers disadvantaged by imports, passed by voice vote

less than an hour later. Final approval in the House is expected on Thursday.

The rapid sequence of events capped the end of a back-and-forth struggle that played out slowly over months, with Obama, Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on one side, and the union-backed Dem-

ocratic leadership of the House and Senate on the other.

The pace accelerated dramatically less than two weeks ago, when House Democrats prevailed in an early showdown that sent the White House and congressional GOP leaders into a rescue operation.

On Wednesday, McConnell, a frequent Obama antagonist, praised the president and Democrats who joined the GOP on the bipartisan measure vigorously sought by the nation’s chief executive.

“We were really pleased to see President Obama pursue an idea we’ve long believed in,” McConnell said. “We thank him for his efforts to help us pass a bill to advance it.”

The measure would allow Obama to negotiate global trade deals that Congress could approve or reject, but not change. The administration was seeking the “fast track” as it works to complete a round of trade negotiations involving 12 nations along both sides of the Pacific Ocean, including Japan.

Obama’s victory comes at a pivotal juncture in his second term. He is bracing for a Supreme Court ruling on his landmark health care law, and next week’s deadline is approaching for reaching a deal on Iran’s nuclear program.

The trade bill drew the support of 47 Republicans and 13 Democrats, while 31 Democrats, five Republicans and two

independents were opposed. Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah missed the vote, as did GOP presidential hopeful Marco Rubio of Florida.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, hailed the measure as “the most important bill that will pass the Senate this year,” and one that will prove to be an aid to the economy.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, countered shortly before the vote that it would be nothing of the sort. He said it would lead to “corporate handouts, worker sellouts,” as he said had been the case with the North American Free Trade Agreement and other deals across the past two decades.

No bailout deal yet for Greece as talks bog down

BRUSSELS (AP)—Crucial talks between Greece and its international creditors ended without result early Thursday casting fresh doubt over the country’s future in the euro single currency and piling new pressure on negotiators to reach a deal later in the day.

After an eight-hour grilling into the night Wednesday, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras left talks in Brussels with the leaders of the three main institutions handling his country’s massive debts without talking to reporters.

Technical experts were due to resume their deliberations just after dawn to thrash out the details of Greece’s reform plans and see whether the proposals meet the lenders’ loan conditions less than a week before for a new debt payment is due.

Tsipras himself was expected to return to the talks with European and International Monetary Fund officials at 0700 GMT.

Earlier, the impasse forced eurozone finance ministers to cut short a meeting, which they also plan to resume Thursday. Concern over the lack of progress weighed on financial markets, with stock indexes falling in the U.S., where trading was still open.

Greece has promised mainly tax increases to achieve budget savings, whereas the IMF would like more spending cuts. Tsipras rejected the creditors’ new suggestions, saying they put both sides further away from a deal.

“The Greek side is unable to agree on such a course,” a Greek government official said after Tsipras had assessed the proposals, which included fresh cuts in public sector payrolls and a timetable to scrap a pension safety net fund.

“These are very tough negotiations,” the official said. “But there is a common will to get somewhere.” The official spoke only on condition of anonymity because the talks were ongoing.

The new roadblock came as some surprise. The finance ministers had been due to meet to iron out details about the reforms in time for European Union leaders to approve at a two-day summit starting Thursday. It appears likely that they will have to work right up to the summit.

Greece has a 1.6 billion euro (\$1.8 billion) debt to pay on Tuesday which it cannot afford unless the creditors unfreeze 7.2 billion euros (8.1 billion dollars) in bailout money.

A Greek exit from the euro would be hugely painful for the country. Some experts say it could be manageable for Europe and the world economy, but that remains unclear.

The latest disagreement weighed on the Athens Stock Exchange, which earlier closed down 1.8 percent after big gains the previous two days. Government bond yields in Greece, Spain and Portugal rose, an indication of investor concern.

Stronger economy, cheap gas expected to spur holiday travel

NEW YORK (AP)—A stronger economy, rising consumer confidence and cheap gasoline will likely have Americans traveling in big numbers this Independence Day.

An estimated 41.9 million people will travel 50 miles or more from home during the holiday weekend, up 0.7 percent from last year and the most since 2007, right before the recession, according to travel agency and car lobbying group AAA.

As usual, the vast majority of travelers will be using their cars: about 85 percent. Gas currently

costs \$2.78 a gallon, down 88 cents from the same time last year. That means a family driving 200 miles on highways will save about \$7.30 for their holiday gas this year.


AAA defines the holiday period as July 1 through July 5. But Americans, in general, are already driving more.

The Federal Highway Administration this week announced that Americans drove 987.8 billion miles for the first four months of the year, topping the previous record—965.5 billion—set in 2007. The government said that the nation’s driv-

ing has increased steadily for 14 consecutive months.

More folks are going away this July 4 thanks to the better economy and lower fuel prices which give them more disposable income. However, Independence Day travel predictions are particularly volatile since the holiday falls on a different day of the week each year. Three- or four-day weekends see more travelers, typically.

AAA estimates that mid-range hotels this holiday will cost 6 to 8 percent more and airfare is 6 percent higher.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-005-15 (AIP PENDING)**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, Project No. CPA-SA-005-15”, and submitted no later than 2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, Friday, July 10, 2015**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.


The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:


/s/ JOSE R. LIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

June 22, 2015
Date



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WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2014 CUC Annual Water Quality Report is now available on-line!

Please go to <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CCR-2014.pdf> to view what contaminants were detected in your water in 2014 and to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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Faingi CUC reel (670) 664-4282 ngare u tipeli rebwe seleti ngalúgh amataff kkal, kkapas ngali eschay, me ngare u mwuschel eew kkopiyal rebwe bwughi lló reemw me ngare afanga ngálugh.

GUMUAHA RIPOT PÁ’GU

I iym-mu 2014 CUC Annual na Ripot Kuálidât Hânúm esta pá’gu gumuaha gi on-line!

Put fabot hânáo para i <http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/CCR-2014.pdf> para u ma’atan háfa na contaminants manmasodda’ gi halum hanom-mu gi 2014 yan para un tung’u mäs put i hanum magimin. Esti na ripot ha sasahguan siha manimpottánti na imfotmasion put i source yan kuálidât i hanum magimin.

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Nation

As South Carolina honors victims, Alabama lowers its flags

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—State senator and pastor Clementa Pinckney was carried Wednesday into the Statehouse where he served the people for nearly 20 years, becoming the first African-American since Reconstruction to rest in honor in the South Carolina Rotunda. Hours later, his congregation returned to the scene of a massacre, keeping up his work of saving souls.

To show their faith and restore their sanctuary, about 150 people packed into the basement of Charleston’s Emanuel African Methodist Church where Pinckney and eight parishioners were shot exactly one week before.

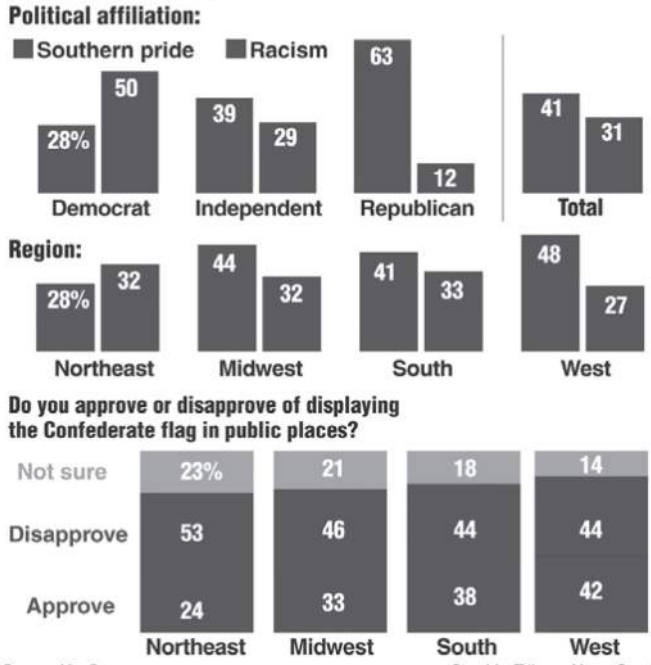
“We decided to come together rather than pull apart,” interim pastor Norvel Goff told the multiracial gathering of people who sat in neat rows of folding chairs Wednesday evening.

“It’s our choice. It’s our choice not to raise hell and tear up the city or tear up the streets because something tragic happened,” Goff said.

Among those attending

Confederate flag poll

Do you see the Confederate flag more as a symbol of Southern pride or more as a symbol of racism? (Survey taken on March 26, 2015)



the session were several family members of shooting victim Myra Thompson.

“It is a powerful testimony that they are able to come,” Goff

said of Thompson’s relatives, who were applauded by others in the audience.

The killings appear to be creating waves of soul-searching

that are reverberating far beyond the historic black church and the state Capitol where

Pinckney’s widow and two young daughters met his horse-drawn carriage, evoking memo-

ries of black and white images of other slain civil rights figures five decades earlier.

Guard who gave meat to 2 inmates arrested after their escape

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—A maximum-security prison guard who delivered frozen meat with tools hidden inside to two inmates before they escaped was arrested on Wednesday.

But correction officer Gene Palmer had no knowledge any contraband was inside the meat he gave to the two convicted killers, his lawyer said.

“He did pass the hamburger meat. He shouldn’t have done it. He apologized for it,” said defense lawyer Andrew Brockway, who insisted Palmer didn’t know the inmates were trying to escape.

Palmer appeared before a judge in Plattsburgh on Wednesday night to face charges of promoting prison contraband, tampering with physical evidence and official misconduct. He was held on \$25,000 bail pending arraignment Thursday. He will plead not guilty, his attorney said.



Palmer

Palmer worked at the Clinton County Correctional Facility in upstate Dannemora, where inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt were reported missing on June 6.

Sweat, 35, was serving a life sentence without parole in the killing of a sheriff’s deputy. Matt, 48, was doing 25 years to life in the kidnap-

ping, torture and hack-saw dismemberment of his former boss. Authorities say the inmates cut through the steel wall at the back of their cells, crawled down a catwalk, broke through a brick wall, cut their way into and out of a steam pipe and then sliced through the chain and lock on a manhole cover outside the prison.

Boston Marathon bomber says he’s sorry for the first time

BOSTON (AP)—Moments before a judge sentenced him to death, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev broke more than two years of silence Wednesday and apologized to the victims and their loved ones for the first time. “I pray for your relief, for your healing,” he said.

“I am sorry for the lives that I’ve taken, for the suffering that I’ve caused you, for the damage that I’ve done—irreparable damage,” the 21-year-old former college student, speaking haltingly in his Russian accent, said after rising to his feet in the hushed federal courtroom.

After Tsarnaev said his piece, U.S. District Judge George O’Toole Jr. quoted Shakespeare’s line “The evil

that men do lives after them. The good is often interred with their bones.”

“So it will be for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev,” the judge said, telling Tsarnaev that no one will remember that his teachers were fond of him, that his friends found him fun to be with or that he showed compassion to disabled people.

“What will be remembered is that you murdered and maimed innocent people and that you did it willfully and intentionally,” O’Toole said.

Tsarnaev looked down and rubbed his hands together as the judge pronounced his fate: execution, the punishment decided on by the jury last month for the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP15-DCCA/NAP-101
SUBMISSION: JULY 9, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“TO PROVIDE CUBICLE WORKSTATIONS/PARTITIONS AND OFFICE FURNITURE/FIXTURE FOR THE DCCA – NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”

The Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after **June 18, 2015** at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing and due no later than the close of business on **June 30, 2015** and must be directed to Mr. Walter Macaranas, NAP Administrator by fax to (670) 664-2850 or e-mail to dccanap@pticom.com

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if it's in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ **LAURA T. OGUMORO**
Secretary of DCCA

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, P&S

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP15-DPS/FIRE-060
SUBMISSION: JULY 16, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“UPGRADE, TESTING, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE CNMI PREHOSPITAL DATA COLLECTION AND PATIENT CARE REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DIVISION”

The RFP packet will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** and may be picked-up at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

Questions for this RFP may be submitted to Jocelyn Alvarez, via e-mail at jaalvarez@dfms.gov.mp no later than the close of business on **July 07, 2015**. Responses to questions shall be shared with other proposers.

The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and to waive immaterial defects if it do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ **JAMES C. DELEON GUERRERO**
Commissioner of DPS

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, P&S

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, July 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., JULY 24, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
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/s/ **JOSE R. LIFOIFOI**
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: June 19, 2015

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-002-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, July 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., THURSDAY JULY 23, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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/s/ **JOSE R. LIFOIFOI**
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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BUILDINGS PAINTING PROJECT PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-008-15

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the “CPA”) is accepting sealed bids, subject to the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bids (the “IFB”) and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This IFB is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the “NMIAC”). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-205, Invitation for Bids, of the NMIAC is applicable to the process followed by this IFB.

The BID package which includes the scope of work and other considerations upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning June 05th, 2015. Payment of the fee shall be made at the CPA Accounting Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Bid for Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, CPA-IFB-008-15”. One original and three (3) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, TUESDAY, JULY 10th, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26th, 2015 at the CPA Conference Room, 2ND Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is not mandatory; however, all bidders are requested to attend. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY


/s/ **MARYANN Q. LIZAMA**
Executive Director



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW-15-IFB-003

Repair and Renovation of Basketball Court District 3 Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **the Repair and Renovation of Basketball Court District 3 Chalan Kanoa**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. **All** questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying **all** prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-15-IFB-003". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 03, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **770-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

2) US Gov't Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and


5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works


/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW-15-IFB-004

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pathway Lightings, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids from qualified General or Electrical Contractors for **the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pathway Lightings**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A **mandatory site visit will follow immediately after the pre-bid conference with the contracting office**. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. **All** questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-15-IFB-004". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 03, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **770-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

2) US Gov't Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit


Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW-15-IFB-005

KAGMAN ROAD REMEDIAL WORK, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Kagman Road Remedial Work**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 26, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. **All** interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 13, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. **All** questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 22, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying **all** prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-15-IFB-005". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 31, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 31, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 31, 2015** and must be received no later than **August 10, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 11, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **July 31, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **770-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

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3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and


5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Ninety (90) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (US\$150.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works


/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

DPW-15-IFB-006

Repair and Maintenance of Children's Park in Precinct 5, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **the Repair and Maintenance of Children's Park in Precinct 5**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars (**US\$100.00**) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015**, 2:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. **All** questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying **all** prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-15-IFB-006". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time **August 03, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **770-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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Acceptable assets are only:

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2) US Gov't Securities

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4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

World

Iran hardens stance on nuclear deal as deadline nears

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran has hardened its stance less than a week before the deadline for a nuclear deal, with its top leader rejecting a long-term freeze on nuclear research as a constitutional body on Wednesday approved a law banning access to military sites and scientists.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also insisted that Iran will only sign a deal if international sanctions are lifted first, which could further complicate the negotiations. The new law calls for all sanctions to be lifted the first day of any agreement's implementation.

The supreme leader has

backed his negotiators amid criticism from hard-liners. But his latest remarks may narrow their room to maneuver ahead of a self-imposed June 30 deadline for a potentially groundbreaking deal with world powers that would curb Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for lifting sanctions.

Iran's constitutional watchdog, known as the Guardian Council, ratified the legislation banning access to military sites and scientists, making it binding law, according to state TV.

The bill would still allow for international inspections of Iranian nuclear sites within

the framework of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

The United States -- which is negotiating the deal alongside Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany -- has said the sanctions would be gradually lifted as inspectors verify Iran's compliance.

Speaking Tuesday night in comments broadcast on Iranian state TV, Khamenei said demands that Iran halt the research and development portion of its nuclear program constitute "excessive coercion."



Khamenei

"We don't accept a 10-year restriction. We have told the negotiating team how many specific years of restrictions are acceptable," Khamenei said. "Research and development must continue during the years of restrictions."

Khamenei said the U.S. is offering a "complicated formula" for lifting sanctions. He said that waiting for the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency to verify Tehran's cooperation would take too long.

"Lifting sanctions can't de-

pend on implementation of Iran's obligations," he said.

Khamenei also said he rejects any inspection of military sites or allowing Iranian scientists to be interviewed. Iran's nuclear scientists have been the

target of attacks.

The Americans' "goal is to uproot and destroy the country's nuclear industry," he said. "They want to keep up the pressure and are not after a complete lifting of sanctions."

Rains cool Pakistan as heat wave death toll climbs to 838

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—A cool wind from the sea and pre-monsoon rains brought the first signs of respite to southern Pakistan on Wednesday as the death toll from a scorching heat wave climbed to 838—a high figure even for a nation accustomed to sizzling hot summers.

Temperatures in hard-hit Karachi, the country's largest city and its commercial hub where the overwhelming majority of the deaths were reported, dropped to 34 degrees Celsius (93.2 degrees Fahrenheit), meteorologist Abdur Rasheed said.

The drop likely marked the end of the heat wave that began on Sunday. Hospital officials said admittances were lower than in previous days, when dehydrated patients lay in corridors and outside on the streets.

As dusk fell on Wednesday

evening, volunteers on the streets of the port city handed out dates and provided drinks for iftar meals that break the daylight fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Karachi has been in the epicenter of the heat wave, dubbed worst in at least a decade, with temperatures reaching 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit). Hours-long power outages, little running water and the Ramadan fasting had worsened the situation further.

Home to some 20 million people and the capital of the southern Sindh province, Karachi has long suffered under an inefficient power grid and a shortage of potable water. The power outages have also affected the city's sporadic water supply, forcing those who can afford it rely on tankers of water being delivered to their homes.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ebola cases not slowing in Guinea, Sierra Leone

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—Despite hopes that the deadly Ebola outbreak could soon be contained in West Africa, it shows no signs of abating in Guinea and may be flaring up once more in Sierra Leone as people are flouting rules limiting travel meant to stop it. The election in Guinea in October adds a new layer of worry for Guineans and health workers, with some residents saying that campaign events, in which people crowd together, shouldn't be held yet. The deadly virus, which has killed over 11,100 people mostly in West Africa in its worst outbreak ever, has been stamped out in neighboring Liberia, but is hanging on stubbornly in Guinea, where the Ebola outbreak was first reported in March 2014. Impending presidential elections could make it even worse.

Flash floods kill 7, leave 4 missing in northern Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A disaster official says flash floods triggered by a tropical storm have killed seven people and left four others missing in a northern Vietnamese province. Tran Viet Phuong in Son La province said Thursday that authorities are still searching

for the four missing, including a four-year-old boy whose house was washed away. Flash floods washed away more than 20 houses in the province, he said. Tropical Storm Kujira which slammed northern coast on Wednesday has now dissipated, according to the national weather forecasters. The storm has dumped up to 20 centimeters (nearly 8 inches) of rain on many parts of northern region over the past two days. Vietnam is prone to floods and storms, which kill hundreds of people each year.

Noriega asks for Panama's forgiveness in jailhouse interview

PANAMA CITY (AP)—Former dictator Manuel Noriega broke a long silence to ask his compatriots on Wednesday to forgive actions by his military regime that culminated in the 1989 U.S. invasion. Noriega began the brief jailhouse interview with local network Telemetro reading a handwritten statement in which he said his apology came after days of reflection with his family and members of the church. He said he wasn't motivated by any personal interest but a sincere desire to bring closure to the military era, a dark chapter in Panama's history that left the country in ruin and hundreds dead.

In celebration of his new life

†Pedro Wesley Torres

Born to Life: October 16, 1945 | Called to Eternal Life: June 22, 2015

Parents: †Jesus Arriola Torres & †Francisca Wesley Torres

Parents in law: †Leonardo Camacho Cabrera & †Ignacia Celis Cabrera

Wife: Margarita Cabrera Torres

Children: Margaret Bertha C. Torres & Frederick A. Pangelinan & Children

Jacqueline Joan C. & Joseph D. Camacho & Children

Peter W. & Trina Lynn DLG Torres & Children

Jesse Leonard C. & Gina Lynn T. Torres & Children

Risha Joyce C. Torres & Joseph T. Lifofoi & Children

Sisters/Brothers: Rita T. & †Malcolm C. Weidner & Family

†Jose W. Torres

Jesus W. Torres & Family

Francisco W. & Diana C. Torres & Family

†Juan W. & Barbara A. Torres & Family

Magdalena W. Torres & Martin C. Tenorio & Family

†Joseph W. & Rosita C. Torres & Family

Teresita T. & James Applebaum & Family

Matilde T. & Lorenzo Gozrulak & Family

Margarita T. & Dr. Vicente S. Aldan & Family

Maria T. & Norman Peters & Family

Roman W. Torres & Bridgette Imaizumi & Family

Sisters/Brothers In-Law: Eugenia C. & †Calisto S. Cepeda & Family

Victorina C. & †Glenn D. Butteris & Family

Remedios C. Diaz & Family

Diana C. & Francisco W. Torres & Family

†Juan C. Cabrera & Family

Dolores C. & Juan S. Camacho & Family

Bernadita C. & Mark I. Palacios & Family

Pedro C. & Emerita Cabrera & Family

†Jose C. Cabrera

Special family friends: Terry L. & Amanda D. Vaughn & Family

He will also be missed by his numerous, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of His soul are being celebrated daily at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. and at Santa Soledad Church at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 8:00 am to Kristo Rai Church.

Responso Service will be at 8:15 am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:30 am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Services at Santuario Pax Memorial Garden in Kagman, where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Margarita C. Torres, Children & Family

In Celebration of Her New Life

† Estella Sablan Cepeda

Lovingly known as "Elan"

Was called to be with her Creator
on Monday, June 22, 2015
in Tuscon, Arizona.

In her new life, she now joins her
Mother, the late †Soledad Sablan
Aguon, her Father †Juan Blas
Cepeda & her Stepfather,
†Jose Cruz Aguon.

Mass of Intention for the repose
of her soul is being offered daily
at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m.



Funeral services will be held on Tuesday,
June 30, 2015 at Palm Eastern Mortuary &
Cemetery in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thank you & Si Yu'us Ma'ase for all your prayers.

*Brenda Jean & Victor Bellavia
& Children
And Family*

In Loving Memory of

† Nicolas San Nicolas Aluna

Born on January 22, 1947 and was called
to eternal rest on June 19, 2015

Daily Mass is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, June 27, 2015, his remains will be escorted
from CHC to San Vicente Church at 7:30 a.m. for viewing and last
respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.
followed by the interment services at Tanapag Cemetery
where he will be at a peaceful rest

Your thoughts, prayers and presence are sincerely appreciated

Thank you
The Family

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In Loving Memory of

† NADINE ELIZABETH TENORIO CAMACHO

September 3, 1982 – June 22, 2015

Paternal Grandparents: †Manuel Tudela Camacho & †Elizabeth Flores Camacho

Maternal Grandparents: †Pedro Arriola Tenorio & Isabel Sablan Tenorio

Paternal Aunts & Uncles:

Mercedes (Isias Maratita), Augustina (Jose Cabrera), Wilhelma Juana (Jesus Guerrero), Arturo (Maria Balajaya), Frederico (Magdalena Castro), †Leonardo, Alfonsinia (Jim Taylor Fl.), Anicia (Thomas Dela Cruz), Rosiky (Winnie Aldan-Cabrera), Immaculada (Abraham Arriola), Rufino (Kyomi Mafnas)

Maternal Aunts & Uncles:

Pete Sablan Tenorio, Jr./Virginia Camacho Tenorio; Margarita Tenorio Cabrera/†Maximo Camacho Cabrera; Laura Tenorio Quitano/Jose Quitano; Lino Sablan Tenorio/Marcela Tudela Tenorio; Magdalena Tenorio Aguon/Jose Quichocho Aguon; Catherine Sablan Tenorio / Sixto Kaipat Igisomar

Parents: Faustino Flores Camacho & Maria Lillian Tenorio Camacho

Children: Lance Jude Camacho & Elizabeth Milagro Camacho

Sister: Brenda Lynn Tenorio Camacho/ Geraldine T. Aguon

Brothers:

Manuel Tenorio Camacho / Jennifer Santos Camacho (Mathew, Claymore, Ozzy);
Sidney Tenorio Camacho / Victoria Apatang (John David, Donovan, Jacoby);
Zachary Tenorio Camacho (†Zachary Jr., Donavan, Zack Boy, Zion);
Sherman Tenorio Camacho / Jennelyn Cepeda Camacho (Julianna, Shanelle)

She is also survived by numerous other aunts & uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins

6pm Mass • San Roque Church – Tue., Thur.,
9am Sunday Mass

Santa Remedio (Tanapag Church) – Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.

Nightly Rosary after Mass at San Roque Church

Mass of Christian Burial will be announced at a later date

Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Mr. & Mrs. Faustino F. Camacho & Family



Life & Style

Pat Houston: Bobbi Kristina Brown moved to hospice care



In this Feb. 12, 2011, file photo, singer Whitney Houston, left, and daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown arrive at an event in Beverly Hills, Calif. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Bobbi Kristina Brown has been moved to hospice care after months in the hospital, and a lawsuit has been filed against her partner.

In a statement Wednesday, her aunt Pat Houston said Whitney Houston's daughter's condition has worsened.

"Despite the great medical care at numerous facilities, Bobbi Kristina Brown's condition has continued to deteriorate," the statement read. "As of today, she has been moved into hospice care."

Brown, 22, was found face down and unresponsive in a bathtub in her Atlanta area home Jan. 31. She underwent surgery to replace her breathing tube with a tracheostomy tube in February.

"We thank everyone for their support and prayers. She is in God's hands now," the statement read on behalf of the Houston family.

A lawsuit filed Wednesday against Brown's partner, Nick Gordon, accused him of being physically and emotionally abusive toward Brown, misrepresenting the nature of their relationship and taking money from her without authorization.

Bedilia Hargrove, a court-appointed conservator for Brown, sued Gordon in Fulton County Superior Court and is seeking at least \$10 million in damages.

Gordon is accused of assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, unjust enrichment and conversion.

The complaint says after Brown was in a medically induced coma, Gordon stole more than \$11,000 from her bank account.

Calls to Gordon's attorney weren't returned.

Brown is also the daughter of singer Bobby Brown. He, along with Pat Houston, were appointed co-guardians of Brown last month.

Whitney Houston was found unresponsive in hotel bathtub on Feb. 11, 2012 and died shortly after. Pat Houston, the musical icon's sister-in-law and manager, was appointed administrator of the trust fund Whitney Houston set up for her daughter.

Vin Diesel test drives new 'Fast & Furious' ride

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)—"Fast & Furious" star Vin Diesel traded the franchise's signature muscle cars for a new kind of ride.

The actor, along with co-stars Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson and Jason Statham, unveiled Universal Studio Hollywood's latest attraction: "Fast & Furious—Supercharged," which opened to the public on Wednesday.

"I'm more excited than anybody to get on that tram and I want to be in the front seat and I want to know what this thing feels like," said Diesel during a press preview for the ride on Tuesday.

"Supercharged" is a 3-D motion addition to the park's classic studio tour tram ride. Stars of the films take guests on an explosion-packed car chase using hydraulics and HD images projected on a massive 360-degree screen. Riders are blasted with wind, fog and mist as they attempt a high-speed escape through crashing cars and gunfire.

"I know when we were making it, it felt like we were creating something that I had never experienced. We employed all kinds of incredible technology," said Diesel before opening the ride with a ceremony, which included pyrotechnics and car stunts. "I'm really excited to get in there and feel it out and get that adrenaline pumping."

During his speech to the crowd, Diesel dedicated the ride to his "Fast & Furious" co-star Paul Walker, who died in a car crash in 2013.

He said production will begin on "Furious 8" in 2016. "It feels like we're beyond having to prove that it's a worthy saga and it feels like we can focus on making it the best film in history and that's what we're going for," Diesel told reporters on the ride's red carpet.

Statham was tight-lipped about the next film, but teased a possible return of his imprisoned character, Ian Shaw.

"Anything is possible in the movies, you know that," said Statham. "Unless you're dead, which Shaw wasn't dead. So you know there's a few ways we can resuscitate him. We can get him out of that prison in more ways than one, don't you worry about that."

Diesel previously announced that the 8th installment will be released on April 14, 2017.



Vin Diesel, right, speaks at the World Premiere of the "Fast & Furious—Supercharged" ride at Universal Studios Hollywood on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in Universal City, Calif. AP

PBS: 'Finding Your Roots' Affleck episode violated standards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—PBS put its "Finding Your Roots" series on hold Wednesday after determining an episode that omitted references to Ben Affleck's ancestor as a slave owner violated its standards.

The public television service said it is postponing the show's third season and delaying a commitment to a fourth year until it is satisfied with improvement in the show's editorial guidelines.

PBS launched its investigation after it was reported that Affleck requested the program not reveal his ancestor's slave-holding history in the 2014 episode. The Associated Press examined historical documents and found that Affleck's great-great-grandfather owned 24 slaves.

The review found that co-producers violated PBS standards by allowing improper influence on the show's editorial process and failed to inform PBS or producing station WNET of Affleck's efforts to affect the program's content.

In a statement, series host and executive producer Henry Louis Gates Jr. apologized for forcing PBS to defend the integrity of its programming. He said he's working with public TV on new guidelines to ensure increased transparency.

Affleck's request came to light last spring in hacked Sony emails published online by whistleblower site WikiLeaks.

"These reports marked the first time that either PBS or WNET learned of this request," PBS said Wednesday.

PBS said it will withdraw the episode from all forms of distribution including on-air, digital platforms and home video. The show was also ordered to hire an additional researcher and an independent genealogist to review programs for factual accuracy.

Asked for comment from Affleck, a representative referred to remarks he had posted when the issue first was reported.

"We deserve neither credit nor blame for our ancestors and the degree of interest in this story suggests that we are, as a nation, still grappling with the terrible legacy of slavery," Affleck said on his Facebook page in April.

The award-winning "Good Will Hunting" and "Argo" actor said he was "embarrassed" for a TV show about his family to include a slave owner. He added, among other comments, that "Finding Your Roots" isn't a news program.

Gates and PBS said in April they didn't censor the slave-owner details. Instead, more interesting ancestors of Affleck emerged and Gates chose to highlight them instead in the show that traces the ancestry of well-known guests.

But in an email exchange between Gates and Sony Pictures chief executive Michael Lynton, Gates asks Lynton for advice on how to handle Affleck's request.

"Here's my dilemma," says Gates in one email, dated July 22, 2014, "confidentially, for the first time, one of our guests has asked us to edit out something about one of his ancestors—the fact that he owned slaves. Now, four or five of our guests this season descend from slave owners, including (documentary filmmaker) Ken Burns. We've never had anyone ever try to censor or edit what we found. He's a megastar. What do we do?"

Lynton replied that it all depends on who knows that the information was in the documentary already.

Last January, PBS station WETA in Washington, D.C., succeeded WNET as the show's producing station.



Affleck

J Balvin cancels Miss USA appearance over Trump's comments

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Colombian singer J Balvin canceled a planned performance at the Miss USA pageant following comments pageant owner Donald Trump made about Latinos.

A spokesman for Balvin said in a written statement Wednesday that the singer's management told the Miss Universe organization to withdraw his name from an announcement about participants in the Miss USA broadcast.

"J Balvin was initially very grateful for the opportunity to share his music with a national U.S. network television audience when first invited to be a performer on the upcoming Miss USA broadcast," the statement says. "However, he can no longer in good conscience agree to take part in an event that is overseen by, and creates a profit for Donald Trump, while Mr. Trump attacks the hard-working Latino immigrant community with hateful political rhetoric."

Rapper Flo Rida and coun-



In this Nov. 22, 2014 file photo, Colombian singer J Balvin performs at the iHeart Radio Fiesta Latina concert at The Forum on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014, in Inglewood, Calif. AP

try singer Craig Wayne were announced Wednesday as performers at the July 12 ceremony in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

During his presidential campaign kickoff speech last week, Trump accused Latino immigrants of bringing drugs, crime and rapists to the U.S.

A spokeswoman for the Miss Universe organization did not

immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts and "Dancing with the Stars" dancer Cheryl Burke will host this year's pageant.

The current Miss USA crown holder, Nia Sanchez, identifies as part Mexican and part German in her biography on the pageant's website.

Shia LaBeouf's head, hand injured on set of 'American Honey'



AP
In this March 20, 2015 file photo, actor Shia LaBeouf is escorted by court officers as he leaves Manhattan Criminal court in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Shia LaBeouf has received stitches to his head and hand after injuring himself on the North Dakota set of the film "American Honey."

A publicist for LaBeouf on Wednesday said the actor's injuries were "minimal." The accident occurred Tuesday evening during a scene in which LaBeouf was to put his head through a glass window.

He was treated at a hospital for

cuts to his head and hand. He's to return to shooting Thursday.

"American Honey" is about

a teenage girl traveling across the Midwest. It was written and directed by "Fish Tank" film-

maker Andrea Arnold.

TMZ first reported LaBeouf's injuries.

Kim Kardashian to speak to prestigious Commonwealth Club

Kim Kardashian is joining a prestigious list that includes Teddy Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bill Clinton and Bill Gates.

The 33-year-old reality star is set to speak to San Francisco's venerable Commonwealth Club next week to discuss her new book of selfies and her famous family. Also on the agenda, according to the Commonwealth website, is "the business of millennial culture" and "the objectification of women in media."

Tickets for the June 30 event - described only as "a book signing" by Kardashian's publicist - range from \$40 for general admission to \$300 for the VIP Party Package.

Kardashian's appearance is sponsored by Glu Mobile Inc., the San Francisco-based video game company that made her megahit mobile game, "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood."

A spokeswoman for the Commonwealth Club said



AP
US television personality Kim Kardashian gestures, during a photocall at the Cannes Lions 2015, International Advertising Festival in Cannes, southern France, Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Wednesday that the event was originally set to be held at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, California, but it will probably be moved to San Francisco's Castro Theatre.

Founded in 1903, the Commonwealth Club bills itself as the nation's oldest and largest public affairs forum, dedicated to impartial discussion of public issues. (AP)

Billie Joe Armstrong, Norah Jones perform rare show

NEW YORK (AP)—Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong and singer Norah Jones appeared in a rare concert together Wednesday night, playing songs they recorded for an album two years ago.

The concert wasn't widely announced and the two performed for about 200 fans in a cellar-like setting called the Bowery Electric in Manhattan. The hour-long performance included songs from their 2013 album, "Foreverly," a collection of songs inspired by "Songs Our Daddy Taught Us," an album



AP
Billie Joe Armstrong and Norah Jones perform Wednesday, June 24, 2015, in New York.

released by The Everly Brothers in 1958.

Armstrong played guitar and sang, while Jones switched be-

tween guitar and piano. The duo's band also included drums, a standup bass and, at times, a violin and a harmonica.

Beyonce, The Weeknd to headline Jay Z's Made In America fest



NEW YORK (AP)—Beyonce is heading back to Jay Z's Made in America festival this

AP
In this May 7, 2015 file photo, Abel Tesfaye, known by his stage name The Weeknd, performs on NBC's "Today" show in New York. The Weeknd and pop diva Beyonce will headline the Budweiser Made in America festival over Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia, it was announced Wednesday, June 24.

September.

Organizers also announced Wednesday the pop diva and R&B singer The Weeknd will headline the Budweiser Made in America festival

over Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia.

The festival debuted in 2012, and Beyonce headlined in 2013.

Last year included Kanye West in Philadelphia, when the festival also stretched to Los Angeles, where it will not return this year.

Jay Z's two-day festival Sept. 5 and 6 across the Benjamin Franklin Parkway will also include Axwell & Ingrosso, J. Cole, Bassnectar, Modest Mouse, Big Sean, Death Cab for Cutie and Meek Mill.

Tickets go on sale Monday.

TV actor Dustin Diamond set to be sentenced after stabbing

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. (AP)—Television actor Dustin Diamond is scheduled to be sentenced on two misdemeanor charges stemming from a barroom stabbing in Wisconsin.

The 38-year-old known for his role as Screech on "Saved by the Bell" is set to face a Wisconsin judge Thursday on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct.

The first misdemeanor carries a maximum sentence of nine months in prison. The second carries a maximum of 90 days in prison.

Diamond told jurors at his trial last month that he accidentally stabbed a man in a Christ-



AP
In this May 29, 2015, file photo, television actor Dustin Diamond, center, leaves court in Port Washington, Wisc., after being convicted of two misdemeanors stemming from a barroom fight on Christmas Day 2014.

mas Day scuffle at a bar in Port Washington. He said he tried to scare away other bar patrons with his pocketknife after his

girlfriend was punched in the face.

Port Washington is 25 miles north of Milwaukee.

Mere mention of marriage causes man to run and hide

DEAR ABBY: I am 59 and have a steady, good-paying job. I was married for 20 years, but divorced 11 years ago. I am set in my ways.

I have been seeing a woman, "Melinda," for eight years now. She's 51 and also has a steady job. We live 30 miles apart. Our relationship has been somewhat rocky, but we have also had some really great times.

Melinda has said for years that she wants to get married. It makes me nervous. My hands sweat and I think of every excuse not to when she brings it up. I'm in love with her, but when she brings up marriage, I run and hide.

She feels our relationship should end so she'll be free to meet someone else and marry. She deserves that right, and I understand it. I struggle, though, when I don't hear from her, speak to her or I imagine her with someone else. It drives me nuts, and I end up contacting her. We start talking and things seem fine for a while, until the M-word is mentioned.

I suggested we move in together and see how it works, but it never happened. Abby, what is my problem? Why can't I get married?

TORN & STRUGGLING IN ARIZONA

DEAR TORN & STRUGGLING: Your problem may be that your first marriage—and probably your divorce—left

you marriage-averse. Because you're in love with Melinda and can't manage without her, let me suggest that you discuss this with a licensed mental health professional and see if you can get beyond your fears. Joint counseling with Melinda would also be helpful for both of you, to ensure there are fewer rocky patches in your relationship in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I have a special "Pennies From Heaven" story to share with you.

My dear grandmother recently lost her long battle with Alzheimer's. Toward the end, we weren't sure how aware she was, and if she understood us when we spoke to her. Tonight, my husband, my sister and I decided to have dinner at Grandma's house and go through her photos for her funeral.

After dinner, my sister asked if we had any chocolate. My husband said, "What about the chocolate in the refrigerator?" I hadn't seen any, but when I went to look, there was a packet of chocolate bars wedged in between the drawers. The expiration date on the wrapper was two years ago, when Grandma last lived in the house.

Abby, the refrigerator had been cleaned out multiple times, but somehow we missed the chocolate until today when we needed a sign from my grandmother that she was near.

Grandma was a Dear Abby fan. We found many of your clip-

DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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pings among her photos. I know she'd love it if you shared this story with your readers.

JEAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER IN TENNESSEE

DEAR JEAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER: I'm glad to do it. And speaking as another chocoholic, that you found Grandma's stash in your time of need warmed my heart. I hope it lifted your spirits during what had to be an emotional time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear grandmother.

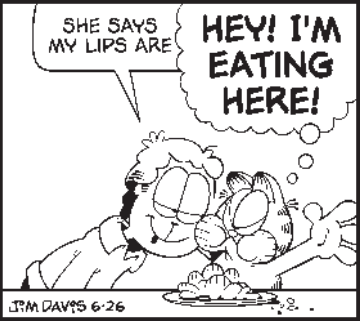
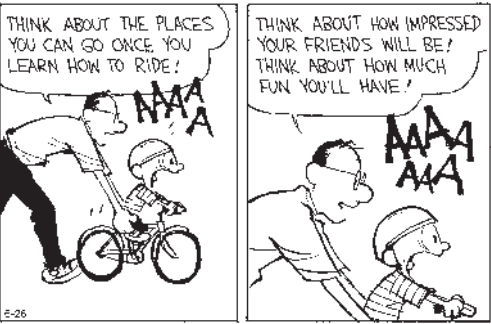
What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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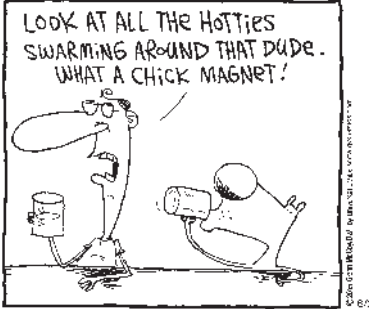
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1 Peculiar

4 Furniture brand

8 Long ride?

12 Ortiz of "Devious Maids"

13 Infamous lyre player

14 Finished

15 Truman's economic policy

17 Barn roof decoration

18 Witticism

19 Less

20 Dwelling

22 Apollo 11 goal

24 Dust Bowl migrant

25 One justifiably ridiculed

29 Bobby of hockey

30 Move laterally

31 San Francisco's — Hill

32 No cheating

DOWN

1 Lum-mox

2 "CSI"

3 evidence

3 Rum recipe

4 Privately made movie

5 Retain

6 Historic time

7 Comcast alternative

8 Affectionate

9 Terrible guy?

10 Carte

11 Galena and cinnabar

16 Stratagem

19 Oliver Twist's request

20 Component of stock footage?

21 Gumbo item

22 Sir's counterpart

23 Unctuous

25 Occupy

26 Waiting area

27 Small grimace

28 Undergoes recession

30 Jet forth

33 Monkey in a lab

34 Punch

36 Onward

37 "Phooey!"

38 Reberate

39 Dweeb

40 Platter

42 Retainer

43 Motorists' org.

44 Ram's fan?

45 On pension (Abbr.)

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterdays answer 6-26

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Schwartzman, 35; Ryan Tedder, 36; Derek Jeter, 41; Chris O'Donnell, 45.

Happy Birthday: Energy, enthusiasm and original ideas will carry you to the top. Expressing your ideas with pizzazz and passion will drum up interest from someone willing and able to help you reach your goals. Youngsters or elders will play a significant role in your life and the choices you make this year. Keep an open mind. Your numbers are 4, 12, 18, 26, 31, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Uncertainty regarding a contract, money, a legal or health matter will prevail. Don't let your concerns stop your productivity. Use your charm, intelligence and skills to propel you toward success. Socializing will improve your love life. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A day trip or physical activity will ease stress. Don't let anyone put pressure on you to make a change you aren't ready to make. Satisfy your need to learn by spending time with people who have mastered what you want to pursue. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get angry—get moving. Make the alterations to the way you live that will make you happy. Update your resume and apply for a position that excites you. Change will do you good and will help you get ahead personally and professionally. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do something different. Don't let the demands others put on you stand in your way. The efforts you put in will not be wasted. Live your

dreams. Try to move forward instead of looking back. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't limit what you can accomplish. Be creative and initiate alternative ways to get what you want. Subtle physical improvements can be made, and favors can be called in. Plan a romantic evening in order to impress someone special. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone will intentionally mislead you. Ask questions if you feel confused or have trust issues with someone you are in a partnership with. Once you assess your situation, do whatever it takes to protect your interests. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll discover interesting information if you take part in a community event or group effort. A chance to try your hand at something new will give you the opportunity to expand your professional interests. A proposal will be worth considering. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jealousy is on the rise. Whether you are on the receiving or the projecting end of things, take a step back before someone's feelings get hurt. Size up your situation and consider the ramifications. An unusual solution will satisfy everyone involved. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a positive move and you could experience a personal transformation. Traveling to a place you enjoy or visiting someone you care about will lead to a change in lifestyle or living arrangements. Discuss your future plans. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With a little creative flare, you will impress your colleagues and peers. Doing things differently will catch everyone off guard. Your enthusiasm and physical involvement will bring results. Good fortune is heading in your direction. Enjoy the moment and the glory. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't sign contracts or agreements until you know what you want. Take a day to enjoy spending time with the people you love most. Host a party or add something stylish or entertaining to your home. Try to keep your costs within your budget. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Learn from your elders or those with more experience. Pull up your sleeves and do the physical work required to make your surroundings more conducive to your needs. Don't give in to emotional pressure or manipulation. ***

Birthday Baby: You are passionate, outgoing and philosophical. You are curious and adaptable. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter/facebook/linkedin](https://twitter.com/eugenialast).

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

6/26

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★

6/25

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE WHITE-BELLIED SEA EAGLE Solution: 8 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Lucille

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Kevin Love opts out of contract with Cavs



CLEVELAND (AP)—Kevin Love is about to find out how much the league values him, and how much the Cavaliers want him.

The power forward opted out of the final year of his contract and will be a free agent on July 1, a person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press. Love, who had a deal worth \$16.7 million next season, informed the Cavs on Wednesday, said the person who spoke on condition because the team is not commenting on its free agency plans.

Last week, general manager David Griffin said he expected Love and superstar LeBron James to opt out of their deals and become free agents. Griffin also expects them to re-sign

with the Cavs, who made it to the NBA Finals this season before losing to Golden State.

ESPN was first to report Love's decision.

The 26-year-old Love, who came to Cleveland last summer in a blockbuster trade from Minnesota, has said he wants to return to the Cavs. Cleveland played without Love for most of the playoffs after he suffered a left shoulder injury in the first round against Boston. Love underwent surgery after the shoulder was yanked from its socket by Celtics center Kelly Olynyk.

Love will likely draw major interest in the free agent market, and the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks could be potential landing spots for the three-time All-Star. He must now decide if he'd rather go elsewhere and put up big

numbers or stay in Cleveland to chase an NBA title with James and All-Star guard Kyrie Irving.

The Cavs have discussed offering Love a maximum deal, but it's not clear if that's what Love and his representatives are seeking. He may prefer to sign another one-year deal and then become a free agent again next summer to take advantage of the expected jump in the salary cap because of the league's new TV deal, which will kick in before the 2016-17 season.

Love's injury could also factor into his decision-making. Following the surgery, the Cavs said it could take as many as six months for him to recover, which would take Love into the start of training camp. He has been rehabbing for weeks and said earlier this month that he was on schedule

with his recovery.

While Love didn't always seem comfortable in Cleveland, and his role changed during his first season with the Cavs, he still averaged 16.4 points and 9.7 rebounds in 75 starts.

He and James were teammates on the 2012 Olympic team, but didn't appear totally connected throughout a tumultuous 2015 season. Still, they formed a bond on the floor and the Cavs were playing their best ball of the season when Love was hurt.

On Tuesday, James posted a message on his Facebook account saying he was "still in a funk" following the finals loss. While he's likely to opt out of the second year of his two-year, \$42 million deal, he indicated he remains committed to bringing Cleveland its first pro sports

championship since 1964.

"Being back home and back with my fans is everything that I dreamed of," he wrote.

Brady waiting for Goodell decision



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—It's back to the waiting game for Tom Brady.

After making his case in a 10-hour hearing, Brady's fate is in the hands of Roger Goodell. Just when the NFL commissioner will announce his decision to uphold, reduce or eliminate Brady's four-game suspension in "Deflategate" is uncertain.

"I think that's going to be sooner rather than later," Marc Ganis, who is the president of SportsCorp consulting firm and has a close relationship with many league owners, said Wednesday. "One of the criticisms of this whole matter has been the way it's dragged on."

The NFL announced in late January that attorney Ted Wells would head an investigation into the New England Patriots use of underinflated balls in their 45-7 win over the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game on Jan. 18.

More than three months later, the 243-page Wells report was issued, saying it was "more probable than not" that Brady was "at least generally aware" that footballs he used were improperly deflated by team personnel.

Five days after that, on May 11, the NFL suspended Brady four games, fined the Patriots \$1 million and docked them two draft picks. Patriots owner Robert Kraft has accepted the team penalties.

But Brady appealed and, more than six weeks later, had his hearing before Goodell in New York on Tuesday.

"I don't know what the timetable is," said Jeffrey Kessler, the attorney who represented Brady at the hearing. "I think we put in a very compelling case."

Once Goodell reaches a decision, the league must craft the wording precisely so it would withstand legal scrutiny if Brady decides to challenge it in court.

Goodell must decide "as soon as practicable," according to the NFL's collective bargaining agreement.

It's been nearly a month without a ruling since the hearing for Dallas defensive end Greg Hardy before arbitrator Harold Henderson. Hardy was suspended for the first 10 games of the 2015 season in a domestic violence case.

Here are some questions that remain more than five months after Brady used underinflated balls:

WILL GOODELL KEEP ALL OR PART OF THE SUSPENSION?

Probably.

While Brady likely shared

"Thank you for an incredible season. I'm not satisfied. I'm not happy with the way things turned out."

information with Goodell that he didn't provide to the Wells team, the commissioner needs to regain credibility, especially in light of his fumbling the Ray Rice investigation. If Brady presented a convincing case at the hearing that he had no role in or knowledge of the deflation, Goodell could absolve him of that. Brady then could accept that decision indicating he didn't cheat or gain a competitive edge, even if it comes with a two-game suspension for not cooperating fully with Wells.

WILL THE SUSPENSION BE RESCINDED?

Unlikely.

This extreme step poses a risk to Goodell from other NFL owners, especially with his close relationship with Kraft, at least before Deflategate. Goodell was tough on the Patriots in the Spygate scandal, fining coach Bill Belichick the NFL maximum of \$500,000 and the team \$250,000 for spying on New York Jets defensive signals in a game in 2007.

WILL BRADY SUE?

Depends.

There are competing factors in any decision to sue to get the suspension eliminated. Brady hasn't been a vocal union supporter and prefers to minimize distractions. But with Kessler representing him and Brady's desire to clear his name, a lawsuit could be forthcoming. "Jeff loves having a cause of action against the NFL," Ganis said.

Kessler helped get suspensions reduced for New Orleans players in the Bountygate scandal. In February, he represented Adrian Peterson before a federal judge who overturned an NFL suspension that had been upheld by Henderson.

WILL BRADY PLAY THE SEASON OPENER?

Possibly.

Whatever Goodell decides, Brady can participate in training camp starting in late July and in preseason games. The season opener is set for Sept. 10 against the Pittsburgh Steelers, a marquee Thursday night matchup between the Super Bowl champions and a team led by another star quarterback. Ben Roethlisberger vs. Tom Brady? Wow! Roethlisberger vs. Jimmy Garoppolo? Woe.

A court injunction could allow Brady to play in that game and others. But that poses the danger that the court would affirm a suspension later in the season, when the drive for playoff spots is peaking.



In this April 19, 2015, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers head coach David Blatt, left, talks with Kevin Love (0) during an NBA playoff basketball game in Cleveland. A person familiar with the decision says Love has opted out of the final year of his contract and will be a free agent on July 1.

SIDE BAR

Towns, Okafor and good lesser-known players top NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP)—Karl-Anthony Towns hoisted a child high up toward his shoulders, letting the youngster at an NBA community service event feel what it was like to rock the rim with a dunk.

Next up for Towns might be trying to help lift the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The center from Kentucky is considered the likely No. 1 pick Thursday night in the NBA draft, though he said he isn't sure and doesn't seem concerned.

"I don't know right now. Only thing I can control is making sure I'm the best player I can possibly be for whatever organization drafts me tomorrow night," Towns said Wednesday.

Towns and Duke's Jahlil Okafor are the big bodies from the powerhouse programs, good bets to be the first two picks even at a time when small ball is becoming increasingly

popular.

Ohio State's D'Angelo Russell could be the first guard off the board, and Kristaps Porzingis and Emmanuel Mudiay are some of the lesser-known names that should be called quickly by Commissioner Adam Silver at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Okafor, who led Duke to the national championship, and Towns had been rated evenly at one point, though Towns has moved to the top of the list in most mock drafts. Okafor said he has seen some of them and said "they're all pretty accurate, I guess," and isn't bothered by the idea of being considered second-best.

"I'm still going to be top five or whatever the case may be and I'll still be living my dream of playing in the NBA, so I'll be excited either way," he said.

That's partly because of who—or, perhaps more specifically, where—comes next.

The Los Angeles Lakers hold the No. 2 pick, Philadelphia is third and the New York Knicks follow, providing big-market appeal that would make for a good consolation prize.

"Two is not bad, being in Los Angeles," Okafor said. "Neither is being in Philly. Especially not being in New York."

The head of the class should again be a collegiate one-and-done, as Towns, Okafor and Russell all played just one season. The last five No. 1 picks have all been freshmen.

Teams preferring more experience will be able to find it in players such as Kentucky's Willie Cauley-Stein, who played three years, and Wisconsin's Frank Kaminsky, who was the national player of the year in leading the Badgers to the NCAA championship game as a senior.

"People who go to college and stuff like that have to grow up and they have to find their

way. It's not easy to make it for four years in college and maintain a level of success where you get better and better every year," Kaminsky said. "I was able to do that. I was able to grow up as a person and grow up as a player. You saw how the last year went for me."

And if that's not enough experience, teams can grab some guys who are already pros.

Mudiay was originally slated to attend SMU last season but instead signed to play in China, averaging 18 points in 12 games for the Guangdong Southern Tigers. Porzingis has played the last 2 1/2 years for Seville of Spain's ACB, one of the best leagues in the world.

The Latvian player, who will turn 20 in August, is an elite shooter but listed at just 220 pounds on his 6-foot-11 frame, so he knows he needs to get stronger. But he said he's prepared to deal with the toughness of fellow power forwards.

Ortiz homers, Red Sox beat O's despite injuries



B O S T O N (AP)—The victory was overshadowed by two injuries. That's how things are going for the Boston Red Sox this season.

David Ortiz's two-run homer capped a five-run sixth inning and the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 on Wednesday night despite losing two starters to injuries.

Left fielder Hanley Ramirez left with a bruised left hand and second baseman Dustin Pedroia limped off after his tiebreaking, two-run single with right hamstring tightness.

"It's always good to win, but when you lose two guys that are in the middle of the lineup, that's a big hit," winning pitcher Clay Buchholz said. "Hopefully it's just a little thing and we can get them back out there. It's two key players, everybody knows that."

It was Boston's fifth win in eight games and snapped its six-game losing streak to the Orioles.

Baltimore lost for just the fourth time in its last 16.

Buchholz (5-6) worked seven solid innings, giving up one run on eight hits, striking out seven and walking one. Junichi Tazawa struck out the side in the eighth before Koji Uehara got the final three outs.

The attention turned to Ramirez and Pedroia after the game.

"We're still in the process of gathering all the information," manager John Farrell said. "There's advanced imaging going on for Peddy and Hanley. The injuries are what everyone saw. We don't have full information yet."

Cardinals 6, Marlins 1

In Miami, Jason Heyward homered for the third consecutive game, Koltan Wong added a two-run shot and the St. Louis Cardinals topped the Miami Marlins 6-1 on Wednesday night.

Dodgers 5, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Justin Turner and Adrian Gonzalez homered, and Los Angeles snapped Chicago's four-game win streak.

Gonzalez connected for a leadoff drive in the second and Turner belted a three-run shot in the third, helping Los Angeles bounce back after it scored just two runs in the first two games of the four-game series.

Blue Jays 1, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Marco Estrada lost his bid for a perfect game on Logan Forsythe's in-field single with one out in the eighth inning, but Chris Cabello homered in the 12th to lift Toronto over Tampa Bay.

Brewers 4, Mets 1

In Milwaukee, Jimmy Nelson



AP
Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia forces out Baltimore Orioles Chris Davis but can't make the double play on a grounder by J.J. Hardy during the sixth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, Wednesday, June 24, 2015, in Boston.

victory Houston.

Surprise starter Andrew Heaney pitched well in his Angels debut, locking up with Lance McCullers in a matchup of touted young arms selected in the first round of the 2012 draft.

Reds 5, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Marlon Byrd hit a two-run homer during Cincinnati's four-run first inning, and the Reds continued their mastery of Pittsburgh's Gerrit Cole.

The Reds have won—and scored at least three runs—in each of the three games this season it has faced Cole (11-3).

Nationals 2, Braves 1

In Washington, Ian Desmond hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 11th inning to lift Washington to a victory over Atlanta and its fifth straight win.

Bryce Harper started the winning rally with a double to right-center off Dana Eveland (0-1) and gave the crowd and the Nationals a

scare when he came up.

Athletics 8, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Brett Lawrie hit a grand slam, Josh Phegley homered for the second night in a row and Oakland beat Texas for its fourth straight victory.

Lawrie's third career slam made it 5-0 in the first off Wandy Rodriguez (4-3), who had never before faced the A's in his 11-year major league career.

Twins 6, White Sox 1

In Minneapolis, Phil Hughes tossed eight strong innings and Minnesota beat Chris Sale for the third time this season, overcoming 10 more strikeouts by the Chicago ace.

Sale (6-4) reached double digits in strikeouts for the seventh straight game. He was trying to become the first pitcher in modern major league history with at least 12 in six consecutive starts.

Indians 8, Tigers 2

In Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco kept the AL's best hitting team in check for eight innings and Cleveland won its first home game against Detroit this season.

Facing a lineup minus slugger Miguel Cabrera, Carrasco (9-6) carried a two-hit shutout into the seventh before giving up a two-run homer to J.D. Martinez.

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US searching for offense heading into quarters

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)—The United States is still looking for its offense at the Women's World Cup even though its stellar defense has it three wins from a title.

Despite glimpses of the formidable attack that the United States has been known for in the past, the Americans have just six goals in their four tournament matches. Top-ranked Germany has 19.

Players say they're happy to be in the quarterfinals but don't think they've shown their best yet. They've still won.

"At the end of the day, we all know we're not playing our best football," midfielder Carli Lloyd admitted, "and we're still finding ways to win. I think that's the history of this team is no matter if it's good, bad, we still find a way to get it done."

The second-ranked Americans play China on Friday in Ottawa in the first World Cup meeting between the two teams since the 1999 final, which the U.S. won on penalty kicks. China, ranked No. 16, has five goals through four matches.

The search for offense is

more complicated now that midfielders Megan Rapinoe and Lauren Holiday won't be available against China because of accumulated yellow cards.

Christen Press will likely start for Rapinoe, who has been one of the most effective players in the tournament with two goals against Australia in the opener. Morgan Brian is expected to stand in for Holiday.

Lloyd expressed optimism despite frustrations.

"I've got full confidence and faith in everyone that we'll eventually find our rhythm," she said. "We're working, we're grinding. The effort's there. We just need to kind of put it all together on the field."

Star striker Alex Morgan's return to form may be just what the team needs moving forward.

Morgan came in as a substitute in the first two games of the World Cup as she worked her way back from a bone bruise in her left knee that had sidelined her since early April. The speedy 25-year-old



United States' Carli Lloyd (10) goes after the ball between Colombia's Natalia Gaitan (3) and goalkeeper Stefany Castano (1) during second half FIFA Women's World Cup round of 16 soccer action in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Monday, June 22, 2015.

made her second straight start on Monday against Colombia and scored her first goal of the

tournament.

Facing a Colombia team that was a player down after the

ejection of its goalkeeper, Morgan finally broke through with a right-footed goal. Lloyd later

added a penalty kick in the 2-0 victory.

"It's a little bit of a sigh of relief," Morgan said. "As a forward, you always want to score goals, you're expected to score goals."

Colombia's goalkeeper was sent off after a foul on Morgan. Facing a hastily prepared replacement, Abby Wambach looked like she'd get the Americans on the board with a penalty kick. But she took the shot with her left foot and it sailed wide.

Wambach's miss, as well as the lack of scoring in the first half against a team ranked at No. 28, pushed the scoring concerns to the forefront - even though, in the end, it was a win.

Defender Meghan Klingenberg said Wednesday that's all that ultimately matters.

"If we keep teams to zero goals and only score one per game, I wouldn't say that's a deficiency. I would say that's winning," she said.

The United States has been saved by defense, not allowing a goal in 333 minutes. The only team to score on the Americans was Australia in the opener.

WIN

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are returning from last year's team that won the World Series. I'm confident that we can defend the title," said Lan yesterday.

Chinese-Taipei's Junior and Big League squads arrived on Saipan at 1:45am yesterday and both teams had some light practice sessions at the pitching and batting cages near the Tan Ko ballfield, the main hub of the 10-day regional tournament.

"The weather is good and this is our first time here on

Saipan. We just had some light practice today (yesterday). Our only concern is how we are going to adjust on the food and water," said Lan.

"As much as possible, I don't want my players to get sick. I want them to stay healthy for the games."

Lan said that they are 90 percent ready for the tournament though he is also wary on how the Australians play. "We are prepared and ready to play. But I have no idea how Australia plays. We'll see it first time on the field."

This will be the first time that Australia is joining the Junior

League division. The Philippines, Guam, Hong Kong, and host CNMI are the other competing teams in the division.

Big League division coach Tsai Ching Feng, meanwhile, said that though they have a different team from last year's champion squad, they are still confident of their chances.

"We can't underestimate the other teams but our goal is to defend the title," Tsai said.

Tsai also does not see any problem with the team's short preparation for the competition. The squad had only one month of practice before the tournament.

"The players all came from one school so there are no more adjustments. They know how to play and they are quick to gel. They have been playing very well," he added.

Endurance, especially if the weather is too hot, is Tsai's concern and he said the team needs improvement in this department.

Chinese-Taipei's Junior League team is staying at the Aquarius Beach Tower, while the Big leaguers are billeted at Mango Resort.

Play ball

Fourteen teams from six countries begin their final step toward this year's World Series when the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Regional Tournament starts today at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Host CNMI, the reigning Seniors champion, will be com-

peting in all three divisions along with Guam and the Philippines, while Chinese-Taipei will try to defend their Junior and Big League crowns. Australia will be competing for the first time in the Junior League division, while Hong Kong entered teams in the Junior and Senior leagues.

Opening ceremony will start at 3pm so regional tournament organizers are requesting all squads to be at the field at 2pm for the final preparation of the parade of teams. The Saipan Majors All-Stars, who will represent the CNMI in the Asia Pacific Regional Tournament in Guilin, China next month, will also join the parade.

The CNMI faces Guam in the lone game (Big League) after the opening rites.

Tournament format will have the Top 4 teams in the Junior League advancing to the playoff round where the No. 1

finisher takes on No. 4 and the second best battles the third-ranked squad. The winners duel for the title.

The Senior and Big leaguers will play in a double round robin format with the Top 2 teams in each division slugging it out for the World Series berths.

A final managers meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Mango Resort conference room and questions and other concerns of all competing teams were addressed.

The Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Softball Field is reserved for practice and warm-ups of each team before their scheduled game. Tournament organizers have requested all squads to be at the field one hour before their scheduled match, while their game rosters, including substitutes, must be submitted to the chief statistician 30 minutes before their game.

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other teams.

"Especially, the Philippines. They are our first game on Sunday and I have no idea how they play. I watched Chinese-Taipei in last year's finals but the Philippines, I don't know anything about them and I've never had the chance to see them play," ended Sheldon.

Guam Junior League manager Vic Fernandez, meanwhile, played safe knowing that the regional tournament is a level higher compared to the regular season they played in their own district.

"Playing in the regionals has always been tough and very competitive. You are going up against the best teams in the region. You don't have to take the other teams lightly," said Fernandez. "We're just going to do our best."

Fernandez said they have only less than one month to practice as a team after their

baseball season ended.

"But we're ready and I'm confident with my team. We're working to improve on certain areas like how would they react if we chose to move them in different positions," Fernandez said.

Guam's Junior leaguers will play against the CNMI on Saturday at 9am.

Kelly Culubong, the Seniors League division coach of the Philippines said he likes their chances after seeing how their players performed in tune-up matches against collegiate squads and the PH national team.

"We're confident since they even beat some collegiate teams and played well against the national team. We concentrated on practicing our hitting. That was the key when we played against Tanauan City in the finals. Defense has always been there since these are already Senior League players. We'll see everything on game day," said Culubong, who arrived on Saipan early Thursday morning.

"We only need to limit our errors. You can't play a perfect game but as much as possible, we need to have less errors," added the former Alabang Tigers assistant manager in the Baseball Philippines.

The Philippines will take on Hong Kong at 3pm on Saturday in the Senior League division, while the Big leaguers battle reigning champion Chinese-Taipei at 5pm.

Philippines Big League manager Edmund Salinas welcomed the challenge of facing the Asia Pacific World Series representatives.

"I know there's a huge pressure, but it is also a good thing since it will test how my boys will react against them and how far the team can go in this tournament," said Salinas.

"We're facing the strongest teams in the region, but I know that we can compete against them. I know this group will rise to the challenge. It will give us more time to assess our side and adjust against the other teams."

LEE

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nose, 2-6, 6-1, 3-6.

In the doubles, Lee earned 5 more rankings points, as she and partner Ayana Rengiil of Palau swept Japan's Wakaba Sato, and New Zealand's Emilia Price, 6-0, 6-4, in the Round of 16. The Saipan Community School student joined the ITF Junior event in New Caledonia as part of the Pacific Oceania GSDF (Grand Slam Development Fund) Touring Team.

From New Caledonia, Lee and company returned to Fiji to participate in the South Pacific Open Junior Championships 2015 in Lautoka. Again, Lee

partnered with Rengiil and they won their Round of 16 doubles match against Japan's Sophie Maho Hamada and Hong Kong's Venia Yeung in a come-from-behind fashion. Hamada and Yeung clobbered Lee and Rengiil in the opening set, 6-0, but the Pacific Oceania tandem came back with vengeance in mind and pulled off a 6-4 in the second. In the super tiebreak, Lee and Rengiil kept their momentum to post a convincing 10-3 win and earn a quarterfinals berth in the 16-team field. In the Round of 8 match yesterday, the Pacific Oceania pair fell to the top-ranked duo of Australia's Michaela Haet and the U.S.' Mimi Levine, 2-6, 0-6.

Despite the defeat, Lee still gained 10 points from the Grade 4 tournament in Fiji, bringing her total to 25 this year. She notched her first ITF Junior ranking points (5) in May when she topped Japan's Haruna Tsuzuki in the Round of 32, 6-2, 6-4, in the Calvo's Selectcare ITF Junior Championships 2015 in Hagatna, Guam.

Meanwhile, after the two ranking tournaments, Lee will remain in Fiji to continue training at the ITF Regional Training Center. She will be there until August and will be joined by 14 other CNMI junior tennis, as they lead the North Pacific team's bid in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

Prestley expects strong field in Pacific Games

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With Australia and New Zealand joining next month's XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea, the CNMI's Peter Prestley is anticipating a tough field in the triathlon competition.

Prestley leads the Commonwealth's three-man triathlon squad in the Pacific Games, which will run from July 4 to

18. Brad Ruszala and Tony Stearns will join him in the triathlon tournament that will be held on July 5 in Konedobu, Port Moresby. Prestley will be representing the CNMI in a regional tournament for the second time after suiting for the island during the Pacific Islands Triathlon Championship in Guam last year.

"I came in second in the Pacific Islands Triathlon Championship last year, but that was

an Olympic distance event and I only competed against Guam, Fiji, American Samoa, and Papua New Guinea. This (Pacific Games) will be a much larger field with 24 countries participating, so there will be more athletes, including athletes from Australia that I expect to be very strong. It's going to be a lot of fun, though. I can't wait," Prestley said.

The triathlon event in PNG will cover a distance of 750m in the swim leg, 20K in the bike race, and 5K in the run. It is a shot course, which Prestley wanted to experience.

"I prefer longer half-iron distance races which are more about endurance than sprinting, but I'm looking forward to the experience," said Prestley, who has been training for the tournament for the last couple of months.

"My training is going okay although, as usual, I wish I had more time. I started a private law practice this year, so I've been pretty busy. In the last couple of months, I've been trying to keep my training consistent and include some high intensity intervals which are important for such a short race," he said.

The XTERRA Saipan veteran added that having a good start is crucial in a short course event.

"It's a sprint distance event

and will also be a draft legal race with four loops around the bike course. With 24 countries participating in the Games, I expect it to be a really crowded, fast, and aggressive race.

It will be important to get a good time in the swim to make it into one of the lead packs of bikers. There's not a lot of opportunity to make up for lost time on the run, so I imagine it will be pretty neck and neck on the bike," the lawyer said.

Meanwhile, Ruszala picked Prestley as the favorite among the three CNMI bets to place in the Games.

"Peter is our favorite to place," said Ruszala, who will be representing the Commonwealth in the triathlon event for the first time and is trying to get back into his competitive form.

"I was completely sidelined with a back injury earlier this year. I couldn't walk before so it's a chance for me to refocus. I've been doing physical therapy since February and trying to get my body back into the groove. It's all about nutrition and fighting through the recovery process for me," Ruszala said.

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Peter Prestley negotiates the uphill road near the former Nikko Hotel during this year's Tagaman Triathlon.



CNMI darts team to compete in Japan

A three-member CNMI team will be competing in the 2015 Perfect Darts Tournament set from Aug. 8 to 9 at the Pacific Yokohama Convention Center in Kanagawa Prefecture in Yokohama, Japan.

The team is composed of Masters division players Jayson John and George Sablan Jr. of the Jokers Darting Chelu's and Jeffrey Barit of sister team Scratch 'N' Sniff. They are hoping to leave for the tournament on Aug. 6 and are expected to be back on Aug. 11. Besides suiting up for the CNMI, the three players will also represent the Saipan Electronic Darts Association in the inaugural international darts tournament.

The trio will be up against

teams from host Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, and a number of powerhouse European squads. More than 200 players are expected to compete in the two-day soft darts event.



Meanwhile, the team will hold a fundraising event tonight at the Jokers Bar & Grill behind Lollipops in Garapan and right across McDonald's. Tickets cost \$10 each and the event is from 6pm till closing time.

Jokers Bar is the supporter of the 13 teams that competed in different divisions in the recently concluded 2015 Bud Light-SEDA Winter/Spring season and has four squads in the Budweiser-Saipan Billiards Association Tuesday and Thursday Open 8-Ball leagues. (Jon Perez)



Jeffrey Barit, right, seen here getting an award during SEDA's previous tournaments, will join Jayson John and George Sablan Jr. of the Jokers Darting Chelu's in representing the CNMI in a competition in Japan.

3 cars, airlines tickets, and cash prizes at TOC

Cars, airline tickets, and cash are at stake as hole-in-one prizes in the 20th Tournament of Champions, which will be held on Aug. 1 and 2 at the LaoLao Golf & Resort.

Joeten Motors is donating a 2015 Ford Escape as hole-in-one prize, while the two other brand new cars are 2015 Toyota Prius Hybrid from Atkins Kroll and 2016 Nissan 370 Z from Club C. Club C will also give away \$25,000 for another hole-in-one contest, while Pacific Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is sponsoring \$10,000 in the same competition. Completing the list of hole-in-one prizes are two Delta One tickets (anywhere in the U.S.) from Delta Air Lines and one business class ticket from Asiana (from anywhere the airline flies except U.S.). The contested holes will be determined later.

On top of the whopping hole-in-one purse, cash prizes also await the Top 3 finishers in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Super Senior flights. The first finisher in each flight will get \$500, \$400 to second, and \$300 to third. Digital cameras and \$100 gift certificate from T Galleria will go the fourth and fifth placers, respectively.

In the Ladies flight, the Top

3 finishers in the Low Gross category will bring home \$500, \$400, and \$300, while the Top 3 in the Low Net will get trophies. Cash prizes and other perks also await closest to the pin winners.

Registration for the two-day tournament is ongoing with entrance fee set at \$200 (both days are covered). Registration forms are available at T Galleria and LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort or can be downloaded at toc-saipan.com



This year's TOC, which is celebrating two decades of hosting the biggest golf tournament in the CNMI, is supported by the following: platinum sponsors T Galleria, Club C, Marianas Visitors Authority, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, and Delta Air Lines; gold sponsors Chivas Regal, IT&E, Tan Holdings, Saipan Computer Services, Joeten Motors, Nike Golf, Atkins Kroll, Let's Go Places, and Asiana Airlines; silver sponsors Bridge Capital, Christian Dior, KZMI/KCNMI,

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To register or for more information, contact Marida Pensader at 236-2530. (Saipan Tribune)



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
A player tees off near one of the hole-in-one prizes in last year's Tournament of Champions at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. Three brand new cars will be at stake in this year's hole-in-one contest.



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Chinese-Taipei: We came here to win



JON PEREZ

The Chinese-Taipei Junior League team members jog around the Oleai track and field facility as they wait for their turn to practice at the Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Softball Field. Chinese-Taipei is the reigning Asia Pacific champion and also won the 2014 World Junior League Series.

Lee wins ITF Junior ranking points

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The CNMI's Carol Lee gained 20 ITF Junior ranking points from tournaments in New Caledonia and Fiji.

Lee got 5 points in the singles event of the Open Junior BNP PARIBAS de Nouvelle-Caledonie in Noumea last week for



prevailing against Australia's Lisa Mays, 6-1, 7-5, in the opening round of the Grade 5 tournament. With the victory, the 13-year-old Commonwealth player qualified to the Round of 16 where she fell short of advancing to the quarterfinals after losing in three sets against Japan's Runa Ichi-

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Carol Lee, seen here in action during the ITF Junior ranking tournament on Saipan last month, gained ranking points in New Caledonia and Fiji competitions.

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Coaches of the Chinese-Taipei Junior and Big League teams have only one goal: win and defend the title in the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Regional Tournament.

The Chinese-Taipei teams are from Tai Chung City in Central Taiwan with its Junior League squad winning the

World Series crown last year after a 9-1 decision over U.S. champion South-west Texas.



And with five members of that victorious Chinese-Taipei Junior League team returning for their last tour of duty, manager Lan Wen Chueh has all the reason to be confident they can earn another berth to Taylor, Michigan.

"The team comes from Tai Chung City and I have five players who

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SIDEBAR

Visiting teams express mixed views on chances

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Members of the coaching staff of Australia, Guam, and the Philippines had different ways of assessing their respective teams' chances in the 2015 Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Tournament.

The weeklong tournament starts today with host CNMI taking on Guam in the lone game after the 3pm opening rites at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

Australia will be competing for the first time in the Junior League and manager Wayne Sheldon is confident that his wards could pull off some surprises against the five other squads in their division.

"The team has a good combination of players that has speed, power, good pitching, batting, and running. That I think would be our strongest point against the other teams," said Sheldon in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*.

"The only thing that I always remind my players is to talk more inside the field. Communication is also a key factor in every game," added Sheldon, whose team was formed in November and had a longer time preparing for the

tournament compared to other squads.

He ranked Chinese-Taipei as the team to beat in their division, but he doesn't want to underestimate the

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A Hong Kong Junior League player picks up the ball during their practice session at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.